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Private Journal

of
George Comer

while on the Relief

Schooner George B. Cluett
for the Crocker Land

Expedition Party at
Etah North Greenland

1915-16

Up to October 1966 this book had been
Copied from the old book, because the other
had been used to the point

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Crew List of the Schooner George B. Cluett

Edmond O. Honey Representing the Museum

H. C. Pickler Master

Michael Davis mate

Daniel Norman 1. mate

Nathan Hiltz -- Cook

Ralph Pearson. Seaman

Ward Taylor "

Benjamin Madore "

William Meadogel "

William Flanders "

Charles Murphy Cabin boy

Melrose Cotton Engineer

Voyage of the Schooner George B. Cluett
for the relief of the Crocker Land Expedition
Party 1915

The morning of July 2nd I left Home to go to Sydney. Nova Scotia to join the vessel expecting her to be there by the 5th. I reached Boston and stayed all night at the Home of Mr. Howard in Chelsea the next day took the steamer Halifax bound for Halifax where we arrived Sunday evening the 4th taking the train the next morning for Sydney where we arrived that Evening went to the Hotel Belmont

The vessel did not arrive in Sydney till the 16 and went over to South Sydney where the stores we were to take on were held to be placed on board at the Ingraham Supply Company on July 19 after various kinds of delay we finally got started at 6 pm Doctor Hoare operated the moving Picture machine while we left the Dock then we had to return and pick him up have had the engine going much of the time since leaving light winds from N.W.

on the way to ~~Battle~~ Harbor N.F.

Tuesday July 20 1915

Moderate winds from NW during the night, we come up by Cape North and St Paul Island this morning and are now at noon nearing the New Foundland shore near Cape Anguille Very pleasant with light winds NW to west

Wednesday July 21

Light winds and calm we are about 20 miles north of Red Island which is on the shore of New Foundland - The Motor does not work ^{very} well and is out of Commission a great part of the time to day we ~~store~~ out the stores which belong to the Expedition from the ship stores our cabin boy is doing well and all are pleased with him the vessel crew consists of eleven while Doctor Harey and I make up the thirteen there is a large New Foundland dog on board

Doctor Harey has a very fine Graphophone sent by Admirable Peary to a native who had been with him to the North Pole The Doctor has been giving us some very fine music to day
some rain with light air

Thursday July 22 1916
 Light airs from NE have come but little
 ways along by the Bay of Islands New Foundland
 The man who runs the Engine has been working
 on it all day but is unable to keep the Fly
 wheel on we are off the Bay of Islands

Friday July 23
 Light airs and Calm we are making
 but very little head way The Engine being
 out of Commission the Complaint being
 That the Fly wheel can not be kept on
 and now the hope is that it will run
 on by the time we get up among the Ice
 fields very clear weather

Saturday July 24
 Moderate winds from NW we have advanced
 quite a little and now at 10 pm are
 well passed by Point Rich
 saw a steamer bound west

Sunday July 25
 Have had a good breeze most of the time to day
 have passed about a dozen moderate sized Berge
 Doctor Haney took a number of pictures of them
 one berge had a large hole through it making a
 fine arch. we arrived at Battle Harbour at 6 pm
 a dreary place but may seem good to the people down here
 the fishing industry brings people here there are a number of
 buildings here and a wireless station

Received a letter
 from Home

Battle Harbor

Monday July 26 1915
 we remained in Battle Harbor till 4
 pm then got underway for Disko
 Greenland I went ashore this afternoon
 and met Capt Moser Bartlett a man I
 had known on the Steamer Neptune in Hudson
 Bay 1903-4 sent letters Home to my wife
 and to Mrs Lurich & Banker and the Home
 Paper Advertiser there was quite a lively
 time after we got out side when the ship's dog
 went mad around the deck but later the
 dog was "roped" and cold water poured over him
 then each person explained why he had
 run O no they were not afraid

I was steering the vessel so could
 not run but it was comical to see
 three people trying to go down the
 companion way at the same time
 wind to W moderate & fresh

Tuesday July 27
 Light breeze and Calm during the
 day Last night had a moderate
 breeze Saw a steamer steering East
 Lat $53^{\circ}48''$

Wednesday July 28 1914
 moderate breeze from south (true)
 steering north (true) pleasant light weather
 have passed a few Berge

Thursday July 29
 Fresh breeze from south during the night
 hauling to N.W. then west and W.N.W. during
 the day, a little fog this forenoon more
 moderate this afternoon and clear
 started a fire in the cabin for the first time
 quite cold Lat 56.56. "N

Friday July 30
 During the night had a fresh breeze
 from N.E. are steering N.E. by Compass
 which is North true to day the wind
 has moderated and hauled to N.W. and
 at night west with light rain
 our cabin boy while bringing a pail
 of hot alkali water down the cabin steps
 slipped and fell spilling the hot water
 over his legs scalding him rather
 badly fixed him up and put
 him to bed " " " " " "
 Lat 59.30 "N

Battle Harbor to Duks

Saturday July 31 1915

The wind slacked up and became almost calm this morning with quite a swell which made the rails slat and thrash considerable, later a little breeze came up from East to N.E. and north it then began raining by spell and there is a light drizzle now

Capt Pickler gave me a woollen scarf

Lat at noon 61.00ⁿ

Battle Harbor to Disko

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Sunday August 1 1915
 Light winds during the night and this
 forenoon from NE at 4 pm the wind
 came out from East with thick mist
 we are steering north with fresh breeze
 passed three Berge to day.

Doctor Harey gave me a fine pair of Rubber ^{boots}.

Monday August 2
 Fresh gale from the South East with
 long swell saw the land along which we
 are running through the mist and rain
 took in the Markar Gofst Taprails
 and flying fish we had to fish
 and stand off shore vessel rolling
 heavy at times during the afternoon
 weather improving a little wind more
 to the South a few Berge seen

Tuesday August 3
 weather improved during the night and we
 were able to get more sail on the vessel
 we are close in to the Greenland shore
 and stood well in to Holstenborg as we
 come along the coast which is a grand
 sight high mountains and broken in to
 a variety of shapes moderate winds no ice
 to speak of, in bad weather I staved water
 with the 2nd mate our cook is very sick
 in keeping clean and though we what we need
 to see cooking get along it must be hard for
 Doctor Harey

Lat 67.04 N

Battel Harbor & Disko

Wednesday August 4 1915

Light winds from the East and N.E. with mist and rain we keep well in with the land very little ice to be seen the Engine being out of order refuses to work well if it worked we could do much better in getting along Disko Island can be seen when the mist lights up though about 14 miles off we are expecting to stop here all the settlements on the Greenland coast up to 74 north latitude are closed to vessels without a permit from the Denmark Government Doctor Harey has a permit to enter all but one of them I suppose this is done to prevent the whalers and fishermen from intercourse with the natives of course vessels could come in if in distress

Thursday August 5

we came to anchor in Godhavn harbor at 130 am before reaching the land it was thick fog at times but when we were near the land the fog cleared away and Capt Peckels made a good land fall and came in in fine style under the power of the Engine the inspector came off but as we did not have a bill of health would not allow the crew

August 5 continued

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Permitted to land but that Capt
Pickler the Doctor and myself could do
so, this fore noon I went ashore with
Doctor Hovey and went around with him
he took pictures and gathered specimens
of the rock This after noon he has gone
off with Capt Pickler the Governor and the
Inspector in the launch I have been
ashore taking pictures of the Hammer and also
of the wrecked Steamship Fox this vessel
was the one used by McClintock in his
search for Sir John Franklin and his men
I went to the wreck took pictures of her and
also got pieces of her from to make souvenirs
of the ship which had done such good
work in searching for the lost explorer

This is a most excellent Harbor though
small there are quite a number of people
here perhaps about 150 with some 5 or
6 men in office about all I saw of the
Natives were half breeds I am not sure
that I have seen to day a full blooded
Esquimo Warm light weather and Calm
a few mosquitoes ashore
while I was ashore a dog bit me in
the leg

Have written a letter Home
to my wife to be sent from here

Godhavn Harbor

Disko

Friday August 6 1915

light air and clear to day

I went off in the launch with Doctor Harey the Governor and the Inspector we went to the coast about 15 miles to where there was a vein of coal the Doctor took a number of pictures two small vessels came in to the Harbor from other settlements

Saturday

August 7

Came out of the Harbor at 8 am under Power had light air from south then variable but mostly calm we are now about 15 miles from the Harbor a few Bergh it is very unfortunate that we are unable to use the Engine in this calm weather while we were in Godhavn we sawed out some of the timber of the wrecked Steamer Fox to make up in to coals I took a picture of her on the way in the beach

Sunday August 8 1915

Light air but most of the time calm so that we have advanced but little. This afternoon Captain Pickler Doctor Harvey and myself and the Cabin boy with the Engineer took a trip in the launch to one of the ~~islands~~ where we met several natives about 15 in all. Doctor Harvey collected some specimens of the rocks. The natives food seemed to consist of Halibut their fish are said to be plentiful about here. We returned at 8 pm temp of sea water 44°

Monday August 9

Light air and moderate breeze from South through the night. To day moderate moderate to fresh becoming overcast with rain and mist are making three to five miles an hour. We have passed Disko Island and are heading for Upernivik. Lat 71° 00 north we keep we keep close to the land as we go along a few bergs in sight all the time.

Upemvick Harbor

Tuesday August 10 1915
 we had light winds during the night from beneath and came among quite a number of bergs which have come from the near by glaciers or we kept close in to the land

To day the wind increased to a fresh gale so that we took in the sparker at one pm came to anchor in Upemvick at 30 pm it is open and some swell comes in (there is a small harbor on the north side look to be well protected) there are about 8 or ten houses here we are unable to land on account of bergs on the shore

This afternoon passed a place where we saw a few native tents also some natives near them some rain and fog

Wednesday August 11 1915

There has been some fog with light N.E. wind
have been ashore with Doctor Hovey taking
Pasture and treading fur old implements
This evening the Doctor invited the Governor
with other two ladies and the assistant
Governor the evening was made pleasant for
them with the Graphophone and light refreshment
they stayed till 10.30 pm while we were
a shore we were entertained by these people
I have found the people at this place
and also at Disko quite intelligent
lot of men well above the average
Left a letter here to be forwarded
to my wife to go by way of Denmark

Thursday August 12

Started from Upernivik at 8 am
and came out under power clear of the
Islands then stopped the engine the wind
being moderate from the north we stood
to the westward till 4 pm when we met
the shore ice rather open tooked
and are now heading to the N.E.
there are a few large beagle fog squalls
at times but generally very pleasant

Alpermark to North Star Bay

Friday August 13 1915

Thick fog all the time with wind light to moderate from north we are in among large pieces of field ice which require constant watchfulness on our part to avoid them are laying with the fore staysails to the wind part of the time on each tack felt sure we saw the land this morning all the riggin is coated with ice quite thick temp 33° temp of water 33°

Saturday August 14

Thick fog with light winds from NW true we are laying aback on short tacks meeting some field ice sea very smooth shot a large headed seal on one of the ice pans Doctor Herney is saving the skin for a mott to use in his office at the museum we are making no progress, much ice farther on the riggin and keep the crew busy pounding and shaking it off

Whimnuck to north star Bay

Melville Bay

15

Sunday

August

15

1915

The fog cleared up after midnight and the weather to day has been good though the wind has been whed from the NW moderate we came in towards the land ahead of the the sugar loaf worked up through some loose ice the main Park being off shore of us, quite a number of Berge (large) around us also

This evening light air from north and quite clear overhead very pleasant all the ice is now off from the reggin and raper Doctor Hamey gives us some fine mineral from the Graphophone the vessel bottom is so foul with a marine growth that she is very slow in talking to windward

Monday

August

16

Light air and Calm during the night and this forenoon this after noon got a breeze from SE and shaped a course from the Devils thumb for Cape York but we are meeting with considerable ice and are working more to the north hoping to get in to better water got another hooded seal some rain and mist but clearing up at night

have the spanker tied up

Upernivik to North Star Bay

Melville Bay 17 1915
Tuesday August 17 1915

we worked through the ice till 5 am last night then tied up as we had come to where we could go no farther we remained tied up till 5 pm when we worked to the W.S.W. about 6 miles then ran in to the loose ice and stopped again the ice seemed to be making more open but not in the direction we wish to go rain and mist most of the time with the wind moderate most of the time from N.E. a number of Bergs around Browner Island north of us not far off

The Doctor took several pictures of the vessel as we were tied up to the ice he is making many pictures of interesting things The lack of preparedness for the voyage ~~showed~~ out to day in the cook explaining why he did not wash the tea pot saying it would wash off the soap which he had stuck on over a hole to prevent the tea leaking out

upstream to North Star Bay
Melville Bay

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Wednesday

August 18

1915

Light air and calm we have moved but little to day though have started up twice with the engine. The ice which surrounds us is known as Bay Ice that is from two to three feet thick with large and small holes all over the field there are generally covered over with thin ice very pleasant have worked some clothes there is not so much effort put forth to work the vessel through the ice as we would put forth on a whaling vessel and as the vessel is in full charge of the Captain I have no voice in what I should recommend the Captain being quite sensitive about any suggestions made in fact I think he would do the very opposite.

The numerous bergs prevent the ice from being effected by the air we have from the S.E.

Lat $75^{\circ} 15' N$

Upennock to North Star Bay

Melville Bay

Thursday

August

19

1915

The wind freshened from the N.E. and set the ice moving to the N.W. so that we have advanced a few miles we have passed several bergs which seemed to be aground at 9 pm the tide and wind slackened up and we are quite still again rain and mist at times we have used the engine at times to try to force the vessel in to the best place but with little effect

The Engineer became overcome with gas and had to be pulled up on deck some whiskey given him brought him too alright again

Friday

August

20

Light air and calm with mist and rain from S.E. the ice is more slack and is rotting away under the influence of the light weather and rain we are drifting to the N.W. about 6 miles a day

The Newfoundland dog which we have (had) became vicious to day and bit my hand quite badly then Capt Pickler ordered ^{that} the dog be shot which was done it was a fine dog but it has not been right since it went mad after leaving Battle Harbor

Upernivik to North Star Bay

19

Melville Bay

Saturday

August

21

1915

Condition remain the same Light air from N.E. with mist and rain we drift slowly with the tides but are gradually working to the N.W. This afternoon the foremast and fore stay sail were set my hand is quite comfortable

I see no much work which should be done to keep the vessel in order everything is allowed to go slack or no effort made to prevent as thought given to what might happen also much food is wasted and not being in a position to prevent or repair things it makes me ~~shuff~~ under the restraint and I realize that we have made a great mistake in not chartering a steamer for the work

Capt Peckler to day at dinner spoke of whaling Captain being a poor lot he having once been on a whaling vessel part of a voyage

Upernivik to North Star Bay
Melville Bay

Sunday August 22 1915
Some rain with mist and a little snow
with light to a fresh breeze from N.E.
we have drifted with the ice out by two
low islands and a reef which lies to the
N.E. of them after drifting by with the
ice it opened up more, and we came along
a few miles when we met the ice which was
held by a few bergs and we were stopped
by it I think the turn of the tide
helped to back the ice ahead of us
It is now 10 pm and the ice is beginning
to open up light wind from N.E.
Foremast and foremastmast are set there
seems to be less bergs ahead this ice
is heavier Doctor Harey gives us
a few selections of music from the Graphophone

Monday August 23

Moderate breeze from N.W. backing to N.W.
we came ahead for half an hour this morning early
but have been unable to move during the day
Though there is a streak of water along the shore ice
but heavy pieces of ice between us and it
some times we see seal in the open water
high mountains covered with ice and snow
and the Continental Glacier are fine to look
at but time is going fast and we drift
but little with the ice lat 75° 38' N
had my hair cut by one of the men

Upmerock to North Star Bay

21

Melville Bay

Tuesday

August

24

1915

The ice opened up at 11 pm last night when we started ahead with the engine it being calm at the time had considerable water, at midnight the fog shut in with a light breeze from N.W., the fog was not so thick but what we could have kept on going as there was a good prospect of water with scattering ice pans but the captain ranged up to a pan and we tied up to it started again at about 4 am and kept going for nearly an hour.

I could see no reason why we should not have kept going as we could see very well and the fog soon worked off so much so that the 2nd mate called the Captain there from midnight to 4 am but he decided not to move till later.

we are I should think some 15 miles away from the edge of the glacier front we have been unable to move though we have the sails up.

Lat at noon $76^{\circ}48'$ north

Unipennick to North Star Bay
Melville Bay

Wednesday August 25 1915

This morning we went ahead about a mile shortly after 6 am, then we were stopped again and have not moved only as the ice continues to drift to the west something like 6 or 8 miles with the Natural Current

This I judge by the land and islands as we open them out the day has been pleasant though cold enough to burn

young ice in between the floes

at night the weather looks more threatening wind from N E and light snow falling can see water making in near the land The men feel the cold

as they have no stove in the Forecastle and have to dry their clothes in the galley which is rather small

The meal must seem rather coarse and poor to Doctor Hovey but he makes no complaint Doctor Hovey the Captain and I eat at first table then the motor and the Engineer

Upernivik to North Star Bay

23

Cape Melville Melville Bay
Thursday August 26 1915

light air and calm saw a bear
some ways from the vessel Capt Pickler went
out and fired a number of shots at it but
being so far off did not hit it

This afternoon we have come quite away
and now are off Cape Melville have come
along in quite open water till we got
here Put the last barrel of gasoline
in the tank the Captain and the Engineer
claim they can not run the engine on
Kerosene Oil No wind are tied up at
midnight we thought we saw smoke
to the west

Friday August 27

we had to leave the place where we were
tied up to the grounded ice at 3 am
when the tide turned to the west, we came
out to the loose ice then stopped the
Engine for want of gasoline there is a
little left but the Captain wishes to
keep some for emergency Last night
after filling into the tank the remaining
barrel of gasoline ^{at 10 pm} and then what with
the engine going till a little after mid-
-night our cabin boy Charles Murphy
was found to be unconscious in his berth
he was brought out in to the cabin but
could not be awakened though made to ^{over}

August 26 Continued

breath better we then put him back to bed he woke up at 4 am quite sick and vomited it is now 10 am but has not got up yet

But worst of all was the accident to Doctor Hoag. The Doctor who write a great deal in his room. till after midnight said good night or good morning and went to his room but before retiring went up in the after companion way to look around preferably to get fresh air when he must have fainted away and fell backward down the steps his head striking the door heavily and hurting one arm and his back when his head struck the door it closed with a slam to me it sounded as if some line had parted (as we were tied up to a berg at the time) in a minute or so Capt Pickler called me (as I had just turned in) saying that the Doctor had fallen and had nearly killed himself when I reached him he had been placed on the ~~bergs~~ ^{bergs} and though he could talk he was so dazed that he could not comprehend what had happened but would keep repeating what had happened we gave him some stimulents and put him in his bed but he could not be made to

Understand what had occurred even this morning he would ask what was the matter at breakfast he took some coffee and had breakfast with us he is now in bed again we are drifting with a pan of Ice to which we are tied up to to the south and west there is a light air from the N.E. The Captain is sleeping as he does all the Piloting of the vessel through the Ice then when he gets tired out the vessel remain fast till he feel refreshed

Cloudy quite a little young Ice former during calm nights The mate of the vessel is a most excellent man for helping the Captain though no navigator the 2nd mate is also a willing man but the Cook (God help us) he not only spoils what he cooks but deliberate wastes it, besides being very unclean and has like he is said to be about 64 years old the Crew of 5 men are fast green hands

Discipline is very lax

Friday August 27

Tied up to a pan all day while around us there is but little Ice Light breeze N. to N.W. can see Cape York from mast head, the Captain not feeling well has kept the vessel tied up

Doctor Hawey is much better then I could have hoped for the Cabin boy is around again all right very pleasant weather

Upunewok to North Star Bay

Saturday Melville Bay
 August 28 1915

we lay still last night tied up to a pan of ice there being no wind the surface of the sea was covered with young ice

At 10 am we made an attempt to work ahead with the engine the wind being light from the N.E. but the vessel was none helped as we did not have power enough to force her a head as the young ice and loose pans kept crowding us in to the edge of the heavier ice. This afternoon the ice has opened up quite a little but there is no wind and with out the gasoline we are quite helpless to move still we are drifting to the westward with the current think we can see Cape York, we lack power Lat 75.48° long 63.04°

Upernivik to North Star Bay

27

Melville Bay

Sunday

August 29

1915

A little air from N.E. last night and we came ahead a little as the ice opens and closes with the changing tides we get along a little each day Capt Pickles seem to have no knowledge of working a vessel through the ice and using ice hooks to hook on to the ice and haul them out of the way such pieces we get hook on the forefoot

we have no ice hook of useful size as other boats such a fish poles. Ice shields or hanging ladder from the bow to go up or down on instead of using the bob stave

his management of the vessel through the ice makes me at times wonder what he is trying to do and also his lack of energy to force through and improve what chances we do have he is also very sensitive and shows a great desire to do all the navigating through the ice himself it may be from lack of confidence in others or as it seems to me he wishes to do it all himself so that no one can say he had help as I look at it he wishes to show that he does not need the assistance of an ice pilot,

The wind backing to the west and is now around to N.N.E. raining and is now turning to snow

The wind is increasing and is favorable making our drift more rapid, we are tied up to the ice

Upurnewick to North Star Bay

Melville Bay

Monday

August 30

1915

Light air backing around to new then south and is now N.E. with some rain and snow

The ice at times is a little more open than closes up again have moved but little only or are drift with the ice we feel that this month is near its close and still we are far from having our success assured

Doctor Harey has not appeared well since his fall he looks pale and anxious

Tuesday

August 31

Light air from south backing to N.E. and N.W. then to new light snow and mist most of the time at night weather clearing we have moved a little to the west but have been carried in towards the land the vessel has remained fast to the same ice as there has been no sticking up

The prospect of our reaching Etah looks very uncertain and is very doubtful

No water to be seen and the Temperature 29°

Upemuck to North Star Bay

near Cape York Bushman Island

29

Wednesday September 1 1915

The wind has been light and gone around by backing and is now N.E. again light. Partly cloudy we have moved quite a little in the drifting of the ice, this evening drifted close by a large Berg came ahead a little with the engine.

Thursday Sept 2nd

There was no movement during the night of the ice, This morning the wind was fresh from the N.W. which set us off there a few miles.

The wind dropped off during the day and backed to the South and is now N.E. there was a wide strip of water in towards the land which reached well out towards Cape York.

This could be seen from the mast head to have got into this water would have been but little trouble as the ice was loose and the water 3 or four ship lengths from us but much hunting work was made in the effort that it was finally given up. Wind from N.E. and damp with fog under such management the prospect of our reaching North Star Bay is slim. Mainmast foremast and fore staysail all set now but the ice is well packed but thin.

Supermarch to North Star Bay

Cape York

Friday

September

3

1915

Last night the wind was fresh from N.E. quite a little snow fell with the wind changing to N.E. and to day coming from N.W. quite Pleasant weather. This afternoon the wind went around to the west and south and is again N.E. with a cold freezing fog.

To day saw a number of Narwhales in the openings among the ice, with the wind N.W. we drifted to the south with the ice but now with the wind N.E. we are drifting to the westward, but as the fog is quite thick we can not tell how fast we are going we came a head about a mile with the vessel then ran into a large pan of thin ice and are hung up. Though we could haul her back and could go on we do not know how far but so far as we can see the water maker is among the pans.

Supermarket to North Star Bay

Cape York

31

Saturday September 4 1915

snow has been falling during the night and most of the time to day, we have drifted past Cape York so that it bears now N.E. of us about 8 miles there are a good many bergs in the pack with us. The pack ice drifts a little faster than most of the Berge, The Ice has not opened up to day owing to the strong N.E. wind the water clouds extend well across from East to South and to the west and N.W. it looks as though the pack was surrounded by water.

The bergs seem to prevent the Ice from opening up. No bottom at 110 fathoms.

Sunday Sept 5

wind moderate from N.E. during the night to day it has howled through light to the N.W. at times Calm. This gives the Ice a chance to open up. Started the Engine up twice to get to larger hauls to hold on to have not changed our position enough to say so the drift has set us in shore slightly at 3 pm the fog shut down on us from the N.W., there is quite a feeling of doubt as to our getting even so far as North Star Bay and also a fear that we might have to drift with the Pack but I think we could work our way back if we had to give up.

September 5 Continued

There is more open water close in shore numerous bergs some of them probably aground seem to prevent the Ice from moving to the NW we have let so many opportunities pass when we could have worked ahead

I am surprised that Seal are so scarce also no bird life along the whole coast

The scenery has been fine the whole length of the coast The Ice which we have had to contend with has been from Melville Bay and is comparatively thin compared with the Ice which has been under pressure and become rafted

Monday Sept 6

During the night light air, this forenoon the Ice opened up a little so that we worked ahead about 5 miles we are nearly half way between Cape York and Central rock we have put over quite a number of buoys with water in them, this is done to see where they may eventually be picked up saw one crow to day

To night there is quite a pressure on the vessel but as the Ice is thin it is forced under her

Calm at 9 pm

the vessel leaks about 250 strokes in four hours

Cape York

~~Thursday~~

September

7

1915

Hauled ahead after midnight then had to stop awhile then the Ice opened up and we came ahead a few miles also worked in towards the land where there were less bergs some of these Bergh are very large we could have gone ahead quite a long way but not having gasoline we could only lay still and look at it what air there was was light and from the NW started the Engine up twice to get clear of Bergh at 10 am the tide and wind caused the Ice to close up and we have remained tied up

Though the Engine was built for burning Kerorene oil the Captain claims that the oil bought in Sydney is of poor quality and will not burn well enough to run the Engine though we have plenty of it we were stuck by not being able to go ahead

The wind is moderate from the WNW
some water is making around us

Supernivick to North Star Bay
Cape York

Wednesday September 8 1916

The wind has been strong from the W.N.W. and we have remained tied up to a large pan which is held in place by a large aground Berg.

The wind has been strong all day which has started the ice away to the N.E. and south. There is much water in sight to the N.E. and south and some water and ice to the west and W.N.W. we are in hopes the wind will come from the North and N.E. this would give us a chance to work along shore to the land. Many of the Bergs are of immense sizes. Sounded in 71 fathoms.

Thursday Sept 9

Remained tied up last night with a fresh breeze from W.N.W. this died out before morning and we got a light breeze from the N.E. cast off at 8 am and started out between two large pans but before we could get through they came together and lifted the vessel well up. we lay this way till 9 am when we got a chance to get through and with the light air from the N.E. we came along about 5 miles with the flood tide. The wind died out and to prevent being carried back we tied up to a berg which was aground. With power we could have continued on in to clear water as there was but little ice. Later the wind sprang up from the N.W.

September 9 Continued

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but as the vessel works so slow Captain Peckles did not care to start out among the loose ice so we have remained by the Berg had we a good working vessel it would have been the thing to do to have got underway on the flood tide

we have lost much time by not being able to improve the chance we have had for want of power

Our prospects are very good now as there is but very little ice ahead though bergs are numerous should it be deemed advisable when we arrive at North Star Bay for me to remain with the stores are have brought up (in case we can proceed no further) I shall remain and see that they are forwarded to Etah and then might return Home next year in the Danish vessel

Upernivik to North Star Bay

Ceneral Rock

Friday

Sept 10

1915

Remained fast to the grounded Berg last night the young Ice made around us with small pieces of Ice in it we got away from the Berg by using the Engine for a few minutes have had light air from the Southwest and calm part of the time which has allowed the young Ice to make which stops the vessel in light air so we have only come about 5 miles and are now held fast in the young Ice if we had gasoline we could go through it quite easily but as we have but an we have but about 10 gallons which was taken out of the Seacock and put in to the tank for the Engine to day this is being kept for emergency very pleasant weather but becoming overcast at night

To day for a little while we held on to a berg to prevent being carried back by the tide we are quite well in towards the land about 2 miles off and Ceneral rock about 6 or 7 miles off Very little Ice to be seen but large bergs are numerous aground in 50 fathoms saw the first Star last night that I have seen for a long time

Saturday Conical Rock -
September 11 1915

Last night we had some pressure in the young ice and had to start the engine up to avoid a berge we had a little breeze part of the night from NW but could do nothing as we were closed in by the young ice we have lain most of the day quite helpless till about 4 pm we got a little breeze from the N.E. and we have come up between Conical Rock and the shore the distance being about 2 miles there is not much ice ahead but plenty of Berge we came through quite a little young ice Cape Akhal being in sight about 30 miles away that is where we turn to go up in to North Star Bay

Sunday Sept 12

Had variable winds though favorable through the night with some ice to contend with and quite a little young ice at midnight we got stuck in young ice till 3 am when we got a good breeze and came along between Cape Akhal and ^{Whalton} Whalton Island where we met quite a little ice there we met the Danish vessel Cape York and a launch the Cape York was bound home stopping at ports on the coast down and also to stop at Iceland

Doctor Hovey went on board the Cape York to see if he could get her to go to Etah not being able he hired the launch which belongs to the station here in charge of Peter Freuchen

to go to Etah and bring down those of the Party who are to go Home they got away at 3 pm there were also two natives they expect to reach Etah ~~at~~ tomorrow night they took enough provision for the trip up and one of the vessel boats in tow

we are now trying to work up to North Star Bay though it is said to be filled with Ice and knit together with young Ice after what we have been through it is pleasant to know we have got so far we will probably wait here till the Party comes here from Etah Mr Pressher left 2 natives with the vessel so as to have more room for the Party back

Monday September 13 1915

During the night we had light air and calm the wind being ahead we managed to gain a little. To day light air and calm got ahead a little more we can see the Haarer in the Harbor.

for a short time we remain tied up to a berg for a short time but have just let go so as to go along with the tide. The berg to which we were tied was aground in 20 fathoms, wrecked some slather. Part of the land here is much the same as Deeko Island and is very interesting to look at.

The Engine has only been run in the most urgent cases to get clear of Berge and going through young ice has frequently stopped and each time gave us the impression that it was the end of the gasoline. To day the Captain made some enquiry as to certain parts of the Engine which the Engineer could not explain clearly. This started an argument in which very strong language was used by both. The result being that the Captain went down to the Engine room and after he and the Engineer worked a while they made such repair that now the Engine runs from and steady and no stopping till shut down. The Engine room is a very dark place and also very unclean.

Tuesday September 14 1915

we dropped anchor at midnight as we had no wind (and the tide scared flood) in 10 fathoms about a half mile from the South shore

I have been ashore to see about taking plaster casts of native faces but did not make any also had the two seal skins cleaned (the two are got coming across Melville Bay)

took two Pictures one of the Western Tent and one of the Table Mountain which is on the End of a point of land which forms the Harbor it is known as Oumunna and it is from this that the tribe takes its name Oumunna must not being able to get fresh water the Capt. filled the lake with Ice in coming off I had to come through considerable young Ice (with natives) got aboard at 8 am the Harbor it self is filled with Ice knit & gulcher

There are about 30 people living here these People do not tattoo their faces and hands

Wednesday September 15 1915

Had a strong breeze for a short time about 2 am but after were light airs and Calm to day light fine weather Capt Pickles with the Engineer and two men went ashore to the station were gone most all day. I have remained on board and made 3 plaster cast of native faces. A large piece of Ice got across our bow and dragged the vessel along with the tide from this cake of Ice we got some fresh water got a little trade such as native stone lamps and walrus tusks

Thursday Sept 16

During the night had moderate winds and Calm, with the Ice coming and going with the tide. This forenoon had strong N.E. winds so that we dragged the one anchor and had to let go the 2nd anchor (the large one). The native boat which has been with us with natives parted her warp and went adrift with a Kiak in her, it has been blowing so strong to go after her and its destination seems where among the Ice. The weather moderated this afternoon and the natives took one of the vessel's boats and went out and got their own. After their return the wind sprang up again and had to let go the big anchor which had been up but a short while.

This evening it is again moderate partly overcast. Our Cabin boy has bought the Kiak of the natives.

Friday Sept 17 1915

Strong winds at times from N.E. to East the Native whale boat which went adrift yesterday and was recovered was blown adrift again last night the waves causing the stern to pull out of her so it is a wreck and lost again strong winds have continued at times through out the day

This evening the launch returned from Etah with 4 of the men who are to return with us there was another man who was to have returned with us (Doctor Hunt) but he had gone off on a hunting trip and was to be gone about 3 weeks so the launch had to come away with out him the party arrived at the vend at 6 pm they brought back with them about 4 barrels of gasoline this will be of great help to the schooner no arrangements having been made for the party's sleeping quarters all were confused but later by Doctor Hovey being firm in demanding that they should have decent places Doctor Hovey had finally to take one man in his room to sleep on the floor

snow and rain falling wind fresh N.E. made one plaster coat and filled the other the ice in the harbor was driven out there is a large body of ice out side of us from whale sound one great fault of the captain is his lack of preparation and indifference no earnest effort is made to keep the tanks full of fresh water he lacks self control and at times can be very disagreeable, at least has some good qualities

Saturday Sept 18 1915

Very strong gale during the night and to day from S E late this afternoon the wind moderated so that the Launch which has been lying tied to the stern, was able to take a load of goods which are to be left here for Mr. MacMillan there is more to be landed when the weather becomes more moderate the wind is still strong from S E with some sea we are not in the Harbor but lying close to the high land on the north shore

Though the land is steep and high the water is shoal only 8 fathoms where we lay The cabin is now quite crowded the Captain has to sleep on his lounge while two men sleep in his room

we now set ~~last~~ table The Captain Mate, 2 mate, Engineer and myself eat first then Doctor Hovey and the 4 passengers eat and take their time

Sunday Sept 19

Strong winds during night moderate by morning The Launch came at 6 am and loaded up the remainder of the stores we got underway at 8 am light moderate ^{Variable} winds to Cape Athol then head moderate winds home Ice to work through but is now quite clear with numerous ^{Bergs} for my part it feels good to be on our way back and I think all feel that way moderate backing weather now that we have a good supply of gasoline the Engine proves to be of little use, not being able to run this morning we are off the Petowick Glacier

Baund Horne

between Counsel Rock and Cape York

Monday September 20 1915

Have had light northerly wind during the night and to day almost calm at times now that we have gasoline the engine can not be made to run we passed between Counsel Rock and the main land about noon and are now about 8 miles N, N.E. of it we have considerable loose ice to work through in the distance it looks clear but as we get to it we find we can work through very pleasant weather I stand watch with the 2nd mate on he has only 2 men The nights are getting long when the moon came up it created quite an interest in all hands though well down in the south it was a pleasant sight

Tuesday Sept 21

There was but little air during the night and even most of the time to day we have drifted back though there is plenty of water around with scattering ice pans and bergs some of which are aground young ice makes between the pans in calm weather enough to hold the vessel in light air even though favorable we got some fresh water off a large pan I find it hard to stand a watch with the crew and not be able to give any orders and have them carried out the 2nd mate has little or no control of the men and they

do and say much as they please quite pleasant weather Doctor Honey is quite nervous about the situation of the vessel as the engine fails to work, we could so easily get out to open water if it were in order. I'm hitting the ice last night ~~the apparatus~~ iron strap broke which held the outer bobstay this ~~with~~ ^{partly} broken before we left Sydney.

I spoke to Captain Pickler about putting out the Launch and try to tow the vessel but he said it would not be able to tow the vessel. The engine in the Launch is rated at 10 horse power.

Wednesday Sept 22

we had moderate breeze from the W.N.W. during the night and though we seemed to advance we were hardly holding our own against the current. some times the young ice would hold us. The light winds are not strong enough to ~~prevent~~ the young ice from forming. One of the passengers Mr. Allen has shown the Engineer something about the engine and got it working we are making some progress along the land as all indications are we should reach very clear water at Cape York though it is only young ice that bothers us now which at times can not be avoided for breaking it the best thing we have is a fore and aft leader. we can see very clear water at Cape York and feel the ^{small} sky becoming overcast.

Parker's new Bay

Thursday September 28 1915

but our party have no confidence in making the attempt
and Captain Parker seems to wish to give it up
I got out through in the rain and sleep

we lay becalmed in the young ice till
midnight when the wind sprang up from the
NE then we began drifting back the wind
increasing and we were carried back quite
fast toward General Rock raining and
a little snow at 9 am I suggested to
the Captain that we run back to Parker's
new Bay which is nearly abreast of General
Rock and anchor there this he decided to
do we got some hard knockers one which
broke the remaining strut which held the bob
stay and another which broke one of the
Plank in the side of the vessel about amidship
Port side near the water then the rudder got
hit on the vessel turned around part way
breaking the casing on the rudder head but
this did not prevent seeing the wheel the same
Engine was used a little in heaving in to the Bay
but stopped very soon we then rounded and
got 14 fathoms and let go the anchor close under
the high cliff the wind coming out in strong
gusts we finally made fast to the cliffs by
sticking out more chain are now laying with
penders and planker between us and the cliffs
plenty of water under us blowing strong in heavy
gusts the feeling prevails that we ought to
return to North Star Bay and winter and not
try to rush home for fear of getting caught in the
Parks I recommend to try again

Friday September 24 1913

we lay quite easy at the clefts last night though we had strong winds moderate swell morning there clefts are about 1000 feet high Captain Parker and Doctor Harey went up to the head of the bay in the boat to look at and haul for a harbor soon after their return we cast off got underway and sailed up with a light breeze came to anchor in 8 fathoms a family of natives are camped here they are very destitute

The Idea of coming here is to wait till the Ice gives us a chance to either go on our way Home or failing in that to go to North Star Bay should health fail we would remain here during the winter In my own mind I think we shall have a chance to try our trip Home again but have no faith in the Captain should we meet any difficulties as we have to depend on sails and he shows no skill in handling a vessel in the Ice he remains very little on deck no matter what the weather is and never has given any orders that my Division should be carried out so I have never been able to have things done as I thought best

snow fell quite a little during the night

Parker's Snow Bay

Saturday September 25 1915

Light winds with calm spells during the night and today the Fresh water tank was plentifully filled with fresh water as there are one or more fresh water streams coming off the glacier. I have been ashore and dug around an old rod and stone house but did not find any thing of much account. filled up a plaster cast (No 4) which I had made at North Star Bay. Mr. Allen has been helping the Engineer to get the Engine in better order. Light air variable

Sunday Sept 26

Light air and calm the Bay is covered with young ice. The Engineer with Mr. Normann and Mr. Allen worked on the Engine most of the day and now think it will run quite awhile.

Another meal was taken by Mr. Ekblaw this makes two while here. A party of 2 or three natives have come over from North Star Bay on their way to Cape York they will stop here a day or so then proceed as there is a settlement at Cape York they will later return to North Star Bay.

Doctor Honey sent a note to Peter Freuchen to hold the food which we left there so it might be had in case we have to winter.

Monday September 27 1915

Light airs and Calm some young ice made during the night so that the Bay was well covered

This fore noon we started to go out but after but after the engine had run a few minutes the shaft close to the fly wheel broke and there being very little wind we could make no headway in the young ice we returned and anchored at one place a little snow fall this evening which laying on the young ice gives a wintry look but I still have hopes that we may pull out yet and get Home although all the talk now seems to be to get back to North Star Bay The two native sleds which come yesterday continued on their way to day for Cape York They travel on the ice cap and make good time Another seal taken to day

Tuesday September 28 1915

Light airs and calms during the night and forenoon At 3 pm there was a little air and we started to get underway but gave it up as there was not enough to get out side later the wind increased but it was too late as we have now decided to go to North Star Bay and lay up for the winter Very little ice to be seen off shore, Everything considered I think it best to do so the lack of confidence in the Captain as a skinner and the engine broken down the Rudder head broken and plank broken in also ball stay gone all these things have produced a feeling with Doctor Honey and the Passengers that for the safety of the Collection which we have and also of all concerned it is thought best to give up the attempt for we get no winds favorable for a run across Melville Bay and the fear of meeting the ice there

are now planning to leave here early in the morning for North Star Bay unless a chance offered favorably to go south

If not going Home we have none to make time to prepare for winter Northerly winds would mean Home for all of us

Wednesday September 29 1915

Strong winds blowing the night from S.E. with a little snow we started to go out and up to North Star Bay but found no musk ice that we returned to anchor. Later Captain Pickles and I went out in the Power boat went up as far as the glacier and then to Central Rock landed on it and went part way up it. Could see very clear water towards Cape York and then went to a cove a little south thinking to find native Hanner but none there saw two blue foxes Capt Pickles shot at them but with out effect returned to the vessel light air and calm a large piece of ice came across the vessels bow and dragged the anchor some ways.

from what we saw of clear water it gives us hope that we may yet get started for Home which no doubt we will if we can get southerly winds to start with.

Parker's Snow Bay

Thursday September 30 1915

Quite a lot of Ice set into the Bay last night though we can see water out beyond it and feel a little motion to the vessel and the snow on the rocks or shore. This shows that there can not be much Ice off shore but with no wind we are helpless to start out. As while our hopes went up yesterday they have gone down to day we now wish to reach North Star Bay where we would be in a better place to winter as there are several houses there belonging to the station there our party could live and not have the vessel so crowded. Mr Green went out in a kayak shot a large Orizong but it sailed off the Ice and sunk. We had some trouble by a large Ice pan getting across the bow and dragging the anchor quite a little before getting it clear. Calm all day.

~~Friday~~ October 1 1915

Mild light calm weather there is still quite a little ice drifting about the Bay with plenty of open water and tide we seem to be in two parties some of us wishing for westerly wind so that we can get out and work Home while others wish to go around to North Star Bay so that the vessel can be got ready for winter 40 years ago ~~the day~~th I left Cumberland Sound in the Bark Mido (my first voyage) Captain Spicer and this fact makes me still hope that we shall yet go Home this fall some swell comes in

Saturday Oct 2

Still calm and everything remains the same for past time I have been working on Ivory have been washing clothes we have very little soap in case we have to winter I look out for Doctor Hareys washing

Parker's Snow Bay

Sunday October 3 1915

No change in the weather the ice remains the same in the Harbor and sometimes we get a little air for a few minutes. The two sleds which went to Cape York returned last night and Mr Green is going to return to North Star Bay with them and let Mr Freshen know that we are here. Mr. Green does not care to take the risk of going home now that the season is so late. My young son is making quite a little between the ice pans. Doctor Honey is much in favor of remaining over winter while I am still in hopes of going home.

Monday Oct 4

Last night a breeze sprang up from the East starting the pans of ice and one of them got a crash the stem and dragged the vessel down to a small berg which was aground. The Pan then got clear but we had to tie up to the berg in order to keep the vessel from pounding against it. The wind increased and is now from the S.E. with snow. It is now more moderate but still blowing. The natives who came up from Cape York sent off 3 rabbits they had shot on their way up. At this kind of weather they are unable to travel as they have to go over the ice cap.

Tuesday October 5 1915

Had a strong breeze which made some
sea causing the vessel to Pound against the Berg
to which we were tied too though the anchor
was out well ahead. The anchor had to be
taken up and we dropped back clear and
anchored again. To day light winds there is
now a heavy string of ice extending across the Harbor
entrance which has prevented our getting out
though we got underway at noon and went out
till we could not have gone either way north
or south. Returned again to anchor. Overcast
with wind increasing from S.E. one seal taken
40 years ago to day I was in the Berk Mills
we left Cumberland sound bound for the
Coast of Africa. Our Cook is the oldest
man on the vessel I think he is 63 while I am
57 all three Topmasts have been taken down
and the jib topmast removed.

Wednesday Oct 6

Strong breeze from S.E. with many squalls last night
howling but more moderate to day
can see some ice off the Harbor all the people
off either read or play cards. I have been
working on Ivory Carving. Doctor Tangway who
lost his two large toes last winter by freezing
then had them cut off are still in a bad state
there I work and dress for him each day.

Thursday October 7 1915

moderate breeze from East then calm and light air there is quite a little ice off the mouth of the Harbor one Passage was taken
Our Mr Green started this morning to go over to North Star Bay with the natives he is to request Mr Freuchen to come over and have a talk with Doctor Harey regarding arrangements for a house for the members of our Party to pass the winter in the Harbor is now quite filled with ice which has come in and is being knit together by the new ice forming

Friday Oct 8

The ice has remained quite during the night thick weather with a little damp snow fixed up a deck top in my room and this caused Doctor Harey and Mr Ekblaw to have the same kind in their rooms
the anchor was taken up this morning but dropped again to night

Saturday Oct 9

Dull weather with light damp snow falling to night the wind has sprang up from the N.E. and the ice is moving out there is a little swell coming in

Sunday

October

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1915

Strong N.E. winds the Ice has been blown well out of the Harbor though it still lays across the Entrance. This Harbor is quite an open one and is perhaps 3 miles deep and about one and a half wide. Snowing all day and young Ice forming but is runned out by the wind.

Monday

Oct

11

Strong breeze from N.E. during the night from East to N.E. to day moderating but snowing all the time at 3 pm had a light breeze from South hove up the anchor and came in near the North side of the Bay in 5 fathoms about 150 yds from the shore to lay here for the winter though no doubt we have Provisions enough and plenty of Kerosene and Coal but many necessary things are not here.

Later it proved there was not Provisions enough.

Parker Snow Bay

Thursday October 12 1915

Moderate breeze from East. it is difficult to tell just where the wind is from as it either draws out of the Bay or the land is high on both sides while the head of the Bay is the closing ice cap. The young ice is carried out of the Bay by the light winds and Mr Green (Lieutenant) returned from North Star Bay with Mr Finckson they come over with 8 sleds to take our party back with them so that we may live in their houses if this plan is carried out it will be better for all as the cabin is somewhat crowded the whole party is now on board and plans are being made as to what will be done I should be pleased to go for my part

Wednesday

Oct 13

Light airs and calm harbor all skinned over with young ice it has been decided to let all remain on it is far easier party to remain on the level for some time yet Mr Green and Peter will return and go to Etah and bring and bring back some needed articles from there they have gone ashore so as to be able to start early for North Star Bay, the vessel crew are busy getting the vessel ready for winter have put a light frame over the after part of the vessel to be covered with canvas (old sails) Doctor Harvey has disposed of the coal and fire wood to Peter and scattered to the vessel

Thursday October 14 1915

Dull weather with light fall of snow wind light coming in from the west Put Canvas over the House frame and closed the House in Mc Green and Peter came in heard this morning on the ice as the weather was to thick to cross the glacier the ice is not strong enough yet to walk on

Friday Oct 15

Partly cloudy with light rain and calm Mc Green and Peter started this morning on their return and all the men put them a hole in the heat by breaking a way through the ice they are to go on to Etah in a few days This will also let Mr McMillan know we are wintering here instead of having gone Home work is being carried on getting ready for the winter

Saturday Oct 16

Fresh breeze with snow from off the glacier first part of the night, let go the anchors for fear the ice might start out The ice though 3 or 4 inches thick is not yet strong enough to walk on as yet to day the weather has been fine and calm

Blue foxes come around the vessel at night one was fired at by the captain but hit the Harbor the black vapor indicated clear water

~~Thursday~~ October 17 1915

Pleasant weather with light air variable
for the first time the men have been able to go
and come from the land on the ice though the
Engineer broke through a narrow come off and
brought a soap stone lamp to me to trade for
a snow knife The Plan now is for our party that
Doctor Henry Doctor Torgerson and Mr. Allen
to go out by dog sleds to South Greenland
and go out in the first vessel to Penmach

Temp 4+

Monday Oct 18

Light moderate weather but the ice surrounded
the vessel and placed her in possession for
the winter heading East The Garrison where
we are is shown in a picture in Mr. Sawyer's book
called the Cruise of the Neptune entitled Parker
Snow Bay Page 140 one blue fox was

shot by the 2nd mate close to the vessel
Doctor Henry has just come to my room and
given me a pair of Rubber over shoes a
pair of Native Boots and a pair of wooden
socks I have nothing but light shoes
and my feet are cold during the day
and some times at night on the voyage
up he gave me a pair of Rubber hip
Boots Temp 4+

Tuesday Oct 19 1915

light air and Calm pretty overcast
the family of natives now come off to the vessel it
consists of the man his wife and 3 children his name
is Problos these natives which I have seen while in
this country look much the same as the Central Inuits
temp 14+

Wednesday Oct 20

moderate weather with a little snow falling at times
took a walk with Doctor Henry saw one blue fox
and 4 others were seen by ~~the~~ who were also out
we are now getting ice from a huge which is about 140
yds from the vessel but are means of melting ice is
very poor the gally stove is not large and the
cabin stove is small one and badly cracked
so I melt ice in a tin can over my lamp
to get water to work with The gally and
the crew's quarters will be down below forward
which will be warmer and more comfortable
temp 10+

Thursday Oct 21

moderate weather with snow Doctor Henry and I were
out for a walk the Doctor fired at a blue fox
the gally stove was put down the fore peak and
the crew also took up their quarters there and are
now comfortable have stoked in on two meals a day
very pleasant with high Barometer

Have just finished reading with much interest
a book entitled Crazy Decisive Battles of the World

Parker's Annu Bay

Tuesday

October

22

1915

Clear weather what wind there is is from the West but it is either east or west with us blowing either in or out of the Bay went out for a walk with Mr Ekblaw we met Doctor Hovey he had passed off the Distance across the Harbor Entrance and made it out to be 2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ miles we saw a blue fox while out Natives came back from North Star Bay and Mr Peter Frencher sent me a half pound of Tobacco and a pair of women stockings Temp 10 +

Saturday

Oct

23

Clear weather winds strong but moderating NE The Cabin is quite cold the Canvas covering is not on tight and much wind blows through and as there are no windows we have to have a number of lamps and lanterns some of the rooms are made warm by having blue flamm stoves in them there is little variety in the food the Ice which we are eating is brackish but is used because it is nearer there is a good Berg about 400 paces from us the Cabin boys now sleep with the men forward

Doctor Hovey and his men are some of the Expedition surplus to help out in their meals

Sunday October 24 1915

Very pleasant with light winds easterly
some of the men take walks out to the Harbor
entrance report seeing a bear out in the drift
Ice seal were also seen and one blue fox
The native women got 3 blue foxes in her traps
Thickness of the ice $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Monday Oct 25

Pleasant weather with fresh warm winds apparently
from NE can see water from the level where
the ice has broken off well in towards the Harbor
two natives arrived from Cape York Ewin and Egin war
they came up to see the level and also the native family
here The woman has made a pair of Bear skin pants for
me she is doing much sewing for the vessel crew
the number of natives living at Cape York is given
as 4 men 4 women and 6 children

Tuesday Oct 26

Very pleasant little or no wind on Doctor Hanning
has sold the coal we brought up for Etah to Peter
Brücker 30 tons to day we sent 89 bags of it
ashore there is still on deck 61 bags this will go
soon and the remainder in the spring

A few seal were seen at the ice end outside
the Harbor walrus were seen on the moving pane
of ice tempt about 22 +

Wednesday October 27 1965

Quite a little snow fell last night, moderate to day. The 2nd mate shot a blue fox near the seal last night. I have quite a sore throat and can at times hardly speak above a whisper. Got some medicine from the Eskimoes which contains some Carbolic Acid. One of the visiting natives took my rifle and got a rabbit.

Thursday Oct 28

Pleasant weather. The sun is about gone from us now though it is still quite light during the middle of the day.

But the remaining 61 bags of Coal on shore.

The natives Egenwar and Ewin started on their return to Cape York. A blue fox comes around the seal gets shot at and goes off only to return again.

My cold is some what better to day.

The old potatoes which we brought from Sydney have lasted till now and have kept good.

Friday Oct 29

Pleasant mild weather temp about 65° + our people take walks every day. Doctor Tangseng is well and he is able to take long walks. The evenings are passed in playing cards though Mrs Allen reads while I spend my time working on Ivory and read some book.

Saturday Oct 30 1915

Light weather three native teams came from North Star Bay to hunt walrus near here they were Samuk Eora and In Saulie They came around by the shore one of the men broke through yesterday and his clothes were wet when he got here I let him have some of mine and now his are drying on boards which are strung overhead in the cabin. Blue foxes are most always seen by the men while out walking

Sunday Oct 31

Light weather and though we do not see the sun we have quite a good deal of daylight. Took a walk saw lots of fox tracks but no foxes though others did no pains are taken to keep clean around the vessel but all scraps and bones are thrown over the side whenever handy. Neither is any effort made to keep the vessel clean around deck. The natives here use stone and seal fur building their houses but have to be built in late summer time. Doctor Hovey in walking picked up a pair of Deer horns there are none living here now; but at North Star Bay there are known to be 5 living. There is very little land here that is not covered with ice.

Parker Snow, Bay

Monday November 1 1915

Light moderate weather the natives who are here went out to hunt walrus but were unsuccessful though they saw 3 and the tracks of 2 bear several bone foxes were seen by members of the crew while out walking I have been troubled with the Rheumatism in both hips Doctor Hovey gave me some medicine which made me feel quite well again.

Tuesday Nov 2

Light moderate weather went out for a walk with other members saw several foxes and though I fired 6 times got no results 4 men arrived here from Cape York they brought but little trade the Captain gave a tube of Kerosene for a bear skin I got a piece of a broken narwhale tusk for a file I want this to work up into ivory carvings the natives who come were Eginwar, Ewin, Arn mas blue ras, and Arn mas the took

Wednesday Oct 3

Light weather the natives went off walrus hunting one of them has returned reporting that they saw a number of walrus but not able to get any in returning he got separated from the rest and so far the others have not returned am some what better of my Rheumatism but have a cold settled in lower part of my back

Thursday November 4 1915

moderate snow storm with but little wind

took a walk with Doctor Hovey. The natives who went off walrus hunting have not returned yet, it is thought that they may have returned to Cape York. Captain

Pickler now speaks of the Engineer as a very incompetent man for the Provision and that if he had had a good engineer here would not have had to winter

(This is also my own opinion) but when we were in Sydney he told me that he had a fine Engineer, one of the crew shot a fox to day am feeling better to day

Friday Nov 5

Light weather the Native started back for Cape York he is anxious about his companions perhaps they have gone on with out him. Doctor Hovey wished me to be present with him while he had a talk with Capt Pickler as to the meaning of the Charter regarding the food for the Party which was taken on to return on the vessel. Capt Pickler claims was that these extra men would reduce his food supply so that he would not be able to go to Etah

I explained that I was present when the charter was being drawn up and was assured there would be extra Provision so that in case we had to winter in the north later when at Bridgeport I looked over the list of stores he had made out and I then thought it sufficient but it might be was unable to find that list, but brought out a list of what he did buy this was less than the original list

Saturday November 6 1914

Light weather This fore noon we put on shore the stores which belong to the Expedition Party Part of these will be used on the trip which Doctor Haavey and his party will make this winter in order to return home by way of Deermouth what they do not take Mr Ekblaw and I are to take over to North Star Bay and do such work as we can in collecting for the museum I think it will also be pleasant for us little or nothing is done to make life comfortable on board and there is very little order took a walk with Doctor Haavey

Sunday November 7

Light weather I went down the Harbor to where there is a vein of soap stone and got a few pieces & made in to Pipes Two foxes were taken by Pooblow one was white this is the first white fox we have seen temp is now below zero for the first time

Thickness of Ice 14 inches

Monday Nov 8

Light weather one of the men shot a blue fox close to the vessel this morning, made a pipe out of soap stone for one of the men the same as the natives use in Hudson Bay our People take their daily walks

Tuesday November 9 1915

Strong breeze from NE drifting the snow the Cabin is quite cold as the Convent House have many openings and though quite a help it is far from what a house should be. I still work on Perry and have made each one a napkin ring for our Party. Temp is about 18+

Wednesday Nov 10

Strong breeze from NE hard to tell for certain

I have my room well fixed up so that it is quite comfortable though cold but no colder than the others the ink that I have been using has been drawing ink but to night Doctor Hovey has given me what I can now writing

Thursday Nov 11

moderate weather but to night snow is falling there is a little snow drifted near the vessel I have started to build a snow house the snow is not hard enough to be cut in to blocks and be handled we came near having a bad accident in the Cabin by the Captains Rifle going off accidentally the Bullet going in to Mr Ekbloms room close to his head the Powder and splinters going in to his Cheeks it passed in to Doctor Tanguays Room but he happened to be standing took me. Ekblom in my room and worked him up it gave him quite a shock as well as the Captain

My Original Journal has proved to small for the length of time and this Book is in part a copy of it

Friday November 12 1915

moderate weather we get our ice now from a berg 700 yds away. Commenced banking with snow. I finished the snow house. Doctor Harey and Mr Ekblaw were out for a walk but seeing there was a mist settling they left the Camera on the ice while they went on to pick them up on their return a little later our men saw it and thinking it was a blue fox, the second mate took his rifle and going as near as he thought safe fired at it just missing it then as it did not move went closer and discovered what it was, the vessel continued to leak and has to be hauled out twice a week.

Saturday Nov 13

light weather at first wind increasing this afternoon to a fresh breeze. I have been making a cairn for Doctor Harey out of the wood from the old steamer Fox wrecked in Disko. This was the vessel fitted out by Lady Franklin to search look for her husband and his men it was under command of Capt McClintock and brought back the only record ever found of the missing ship. I also gave Doctor Tongvaary one bath of these cairns named Ivory heads to represent foxes at rest.

Sunday November 14 1915

moderate weather though colder 18° - the Prospect of the vessel surplus not holding out is becoming more apparent all the time Tobacco is now at an end, oat meal and Beans every morning, Sunday mornings Muck and Beans

Thickness of Ice 16 inches

Monday Nov 15

moderate clear weather three sleds came up from Cape York 3 men and 2 women so now we know that the men who we were not ~~sure~~ were alright are safe The Cabin is quite cold so much so that in sleeping I have to wear a woollen cap on my head also a scarf and woollen socks and keep well covered up in order to get warm enough to sleep

Doctor Harey let me take a blue flannel stone to help keep the room warm

Tuesday Nov 16

moderate weather temp 16° - made two Plaster Coats of the floor of two natives also made coat of a woman's handa there are all I shall be able to make as I have no more Plaster till I get to North Star Bay where there is a can of it which we left there before starting for home

The side of my bunk is covered with Ice

Parker Snow Bay

Wednesday November 17 1915.
 moderate weather the sled party from Cape York started on their return this morning and at 6 pm 2 sleds came North Star Bay Menee and Egunwar (there are two natives who have this name) Menee is the boy who was saved for by a Mr Wallace of New York he speaks good English, this Egunwar is one of the 4 men who went with Peary to the pole They bring word that while Mr. Green and Mr. Preushen were on their way to Etah they were met by Mr. McMillan who was coming down Mr. McMillan turned back. Mr. Green going with him while Mr. Preushen returned to North Star Bay Mr. McMillan will come down as soon as they can

Thursday Nov 18

moderate breezy weather clearing to night

The Natives in this Country do not unharness their dogs when at their journey's end but take them away from the sled and fasten them off one side in a bunch on the ice they will cut 2 holes close together so that they cannot underneath then pass a line down one and up the other to this the harness are all fastened

they also break off the teeth of such dogs as eat their harness

Friday November 19 1915

Moderate weather Mr Ekblaw went down to Cape York
Mene to stay a few days the other natives
Egnuar returned to North Star Bay taking with
him a load of Provision which is for our use
when we go there here today I filled up the
two Plaster cart of hands which I had made
also put up a shelf in my room to care for my
Greenes Chronometer till he returns Mr Ekblaw
has been looking out for it

Saturday Nov 20

Pleasant weather with light air one of the
men caught a fox in his trap the fox broke
the chain but the young man followed it
and finally caught it most of the crew
have lice and it is becoming a common
sight to see men scratch their backs
and keep on talking while our Engineer sits
at the table in the evening and picks the
lice off his shirt I am making a gavel
(but not to kill lice with)

Parker Snow, Bay

Sunday November 21 1915

Pleasant with light winds I do not go out walking or I have no foot gear and boat I have a pair of Bear skin pants Doctor Honey went out for a walk alone this evening temp between 15° and 20° — and as the wind is not backed up the Cold has got into her and the table is not abundantly supplied in other words the Captain is forced to cut down on the food Doctor Honey and the men who eat with him supplement their meals with extra Provision which are brought up for stock canned ^{goods}
 Thickness of the Ice $19\frac{1}{4}$ inches

Monday November 22

very pleasant temp 15° — Two sleds come from North Star Bay this morn one Frenchman and Ponneck has Peter come down to have a talk with Doctor Honey regarding the trip south this afternoon two sleds came up from Cape York Mr Ekblaw and minee and a Native with his wife

one of the men got a blue fox in his trap

Tuesday November 23 1915

Pleasant weather but the wind increased at midnight from the north preventing my going up to North Star Bay on a visit as the winds were liable to open up the leads when Peter came down he brought some clothing for the men and sold it to Captain Pickler as cheap as he could (at cost price) the Captain then sold it to the crew charging about twice what he was to pay Peter this provoked Peter
Temp 18+

Wednesday Nov 24

Blowing fresh from the Northwest and is quite warm 30+ we did not start for North Star Bay on account of the storm at times raining thick we got ready to go but gave it up the Captain having decided for a seal we had seal meat for dinner this made a very agreeable change

Thursday November 25 1915

Unsettled weather at night becoming stormy
 Peter started on his return to North Star Bay with
 two natives and 3 sleds taking some of the
 stores with him which are far and are where
 we go up there. The natives with his wife returned
 to Cape York. No effort was made to celebrate
 the day on the vessel but Kenton Horner brought
 out a son of frozen salmon seeing there was
 no change in the regular diet but it was
 frozen so hard that we could not eat it,
 he at the same time placed a plate of
 Reenut sandier and shocklett on our table
 all well but a slight feeling of hunger
 is with us most of the time

The Captain has just brought in a hot
 cup of ~~Chokolale~~ and the Mate passed a pan
 of hardtack

With the shortage of food I cannot see how
 the hopes of our party can be carried out.
 to go up to Etah get all the material
 and take it Home Temp 20+

Friday Nov 26

Moderate weather as there is no work secured on but
 playing cards and reading though Doctor Henry
 writes much of the time and usually takes a
 walk with Doctor Tonguey weather permitting
 my room has become quite a work shop where
 I work on Ivory and other come in Temp 5+

Saturday November 24 1915

Moderate cloudy weather clearing at night
no change in conditions but every thing on the vessel goes
on in the same slack way the Family of natives
who live here get their meals here on the vessel
The woman doing the sewing for the crew on ^{clothing} skins

Sunday Nov 25

Pleasant The weather seems warmer the temperature
being 0° took a walk across the Bay with Capt Pickler
and spoke to him about what he intended to do in
the spring regarding making the trip to Etah
if he thought he had provisions enough to warrant
it and if he thought the vessel in fit condition,
or it was necessary that I should know
before the Party starts south he admitted that
he could not say at present but his talk
lead me to believe that he would see that it
would be best all considered for him to
start at once for Home Thickness of Ice 22 1/2 ^{inches}

Monday Nov 26

Light pleasant weather that is considering the dim
light, the talk of the shortage of food is
growing stronger each day among the crew
this is of course the Captain's own fault
again but every thing goes to show how
little ~~the~~ knew how to prepare for such a voyage
and incompetent to conduct the voyage

Temp 10-

Parker Snow Bay

Tuesday November 30 1915

Becoming warmer and overcast with wind increasing
perfect of snow storm have been making
soap stone Pipes more & more the natives know
they are made in Hulls Bay. There seems
to be a slackening up in playing cards
and more of an inclination of each one
keeping by their selves

Wednesday December 1 1915

Strong winds with temp at 9+ Doctor Henry
came to my room for a little while he talked
about his wife who had died a year ago to
day he was in a sorrowful mood. I have
felt that the journey south would be to
hard for him, still it will be hard for
him if he has to remain here

as some will have to go to take out the mail
he will be looked after and get help to me it is quite
clear that we will have to get word home to have
a steamer come up us and bring provisions for
this small

Thursday Dec 2

wind fresh but more moderate than
then last night some snow has drifted
around the vessel which will be good to
use in bank the vessel with

Friday December 3 1915

moderate weather the crew have been banking up around the shed there is but little light now during the day and we are looking forward to the return of the sun and breakfast which has for long time consisted of oat meal porage and stewed Beans but to day it was varied by the Cook burning up the Beans

Saturday Dec 4

moderate weather clearing at night the Barometer is very high which I think indicates a high wind soon. Most all are writing to friends at Home Doctor Hovey and his party are expected to start from here about the 7 of January Doctor Hunt Mr McMillian and Mr Green are expected here at the shed any time from Etah

Sunday Dec 5

Pleasant weather though the days are quite dark in this country at this time of year the moon light night and days are much appreciated especially in traveling each Sunday I cut through the ice and measure its thickness

To day it was 29, 1/2 inches

Monday December 6 1915

Pleasant weather or would be if we had the sun each day. No effort is made to bank up the sleds to completion though there is quite a little snow near tent 2 +

Tuesday Dec 7

Light weather the temperature being about 5 +. Two sleds came up from Cape York on their way to North Star Bay two men with their wives they had to cross some open leads some of them on rafts of ice

Wednesday Dec 8

Moderate weather temp 8 + the two sleds started on their way to North Star Bay taking with them some of the Provisions boxes which we have stored ashore but the natives had to return as they met open water soon after getting out side of the Harbor they left their loads and three Doctor Hume said to night that Capt. Pickler said that as soon as he could get the vessel out of the Harbor next spring he should start for Home, this action would oblige us to send Home for a vessel to come up for us and take all remaining members and supplies Home the lack of provisions is becoming more serious and no doubt provisions will have to be sent to her

Thursday December 9 1915

Light weather on account of the open leads the natives did not attempt to start out again on their trip to North Star Bay Temp 2-

I continue to keep busy on working Ivory

Friday Dec 10

A stormy day some snow weather clearing at night the way the vessel is run is very filthy and dark and is to me very disgusting no order of any kind and in my Report to the Museum I could not speak well for the way in which the vessel has been run and conducted we are having so far a remarkable warm season if one can call zero weather warm but for this Country and time of year

Saturday Dec 11

moderate weather the natives are still here they went out to General Rock but found open water so that they can neither go north or return home Temp 14+ clear weather could see the reflection of the moon to night the malaria is so near gone that water is added to it to make it go farther

Parker's Snow Bay

Sunday

December

12

1915

Pleasant weather and for this country mild the temperature being 1- the moon is now making the evenings quite light the two sleds started to cross the Ice Cap to North Star Bay expect to reach there by 10 pm we have had two meals a day since we settled down for the winter breakfast at 8 and supper at 4 pm lately we have each two small slices of Bacon and steamed beam for Sunday breakfast and at supper a slice of Duff each with fresh canned meat in a stew and potatoes (dried) week day for supper we have a thin soup and salt beef and potatoes thickness of Ice $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Monday

Dec

13

Pleasant weather though there has been some fog hanging over the land temp 2-

Tuesday

Dec

14

Pleasant weather Temp 4-

Doctor Henry and Doctor Tongvaug take their walks now by moon light

Wednesday December 15 1915

Strong winds during the night and to day
some snow with it to night more moderate and clearing
temp 28+ The time seems to pass away quite
quickly Our mate Mr. Davis who Education is
in books is limited wishes to learn and be able
to take observations of the sun for latitude
and I am showing him what I can to help him
He is a very superstitious man and believes in
spirits and Mermaids, having as he said seen
one when a young man he also thinks the
vessel is haunted

Thursday Dec 16

Cloudy weather Seemer warm 15+ some
snow was thrown up around the vessel

Doctor Harey has a large box of Peanutt Candy
chocolate, and assorted nuts this he offers
occasionally and gives a box to each of his Party
but not to me but frequently to the
captain Pickles this box was not sent by
the museum but by some friend of the
men up here this makes the men feel
a little sore that he should take charge of it
and handle it as though it was his own

Friday December 18 1915

Weather becoming fine had to rebuild my snow house. The natives show a little surprise to see a white man able to do this.

The continuance of the same food daily is becoming tiresome. Doctor Hovey's table can be supplemented with food which was brought up for the Etah Party. They also have their grog pure with water and candies.

Pleasant moon light now

Eleven p.m. I feeling hungry could only find a bit of dry bread and seeing the Captain having his hot chocolate with sugar and hard bread (he keeps the sugar in his room) this got the best of my temper and I accused him giving himself good things while I had to get along on a piece of dry bread. This brought on some words in which he claimed that he bought the chocolate for his own use with his own money and that if I wanted chocolate to drink I should have bought it before starting on the voyage.

Temp 7 +

Saturday December 18 1915

A very pleasant moon light day, took a walk with Doctor Honey, Had a rag bath and washed some clothes my files are now almost worn out also the sawy is used up temp 7-

Sunday Dec 19

Pleasant moon light days and nights some of the crew set traps and got an occasional fox
Ship tobacco is all gone also the soap is almost gone I have usually had a smoke after supper but now tobacco is gone food being scarce there is a feeling of hunger especially when going to turn in

The Captain eats as little on the boat of any one aside from his private lunch in the evening

Thickness of the ice 28 inches

Monday Dec 20

Pleasant weather it reads Captain. Where we have no sailing off the sun light that but the moon has certainly fine weather at a number of days when the fog is around without setting in today I have boxed up for shipment the 200 lb of cotton wool and the material which I have collected for the museum there is still so that I need to be ready for leaving the bay as soon as we can get back. Proceed on over to north Star Bay it is good to think that the run will soon start to come back

Parker Snow Bay

Tuesday

December 21

1815

Pleasant weather no wind Captain Pickler to day informed Doctor Harvey that he should leave here for Home as soon as the ice would let him out he will thereby abandon all effort to carry out any relief for the Party at Etah so that this leaves it all to the Museum to make another attempt to bring the Crocker Land Expedition Party out of the north, Temp 18-

Wednesday

Dec 22

Generally pleasant but wind increasing and becoming overcast 4 sleds came to day from North Star Bay Peter Mueschen Doctor Hunt (this is the man who had gone off Deer hunting when Doctor Harvey went to Etah last fall to get the men in the Samuk) there is also 3 natives men and two women one of these men had made the trip with Doctor Cook in his attainment of the Pole I took so that when the sleds return I am to go with them as my relation with Captain Pickler is some what strained and these it is becoming more plain every day that the vessel is awefully short of provisions and shows the necessity of Doctor Harveys plan to take what he can of his party to southern Greenland so that there may be food enough to carry the crew through till summer but it looks as though they would have to send for food. Peter brought me a pair of Natives Boots

native men with came
Esa, Inu oc too

women Kie no ask
an they ask

Thursday December 23 1915

Pleasant weather arrangements have been going on all day for the trip to South Greenland Doctor Harry and his party are to start on or about January 10 I have also prepared to go back with Peter to North Star Bay as I am not needed here and the vessel being short of food Capt. Pickler would prefer I would as then I would live on the Crocker Land party's food this would help the vessel by reducing the number to feed & do this he has to relieve me of being Ice Pilot The sleds being loaded with stores we got away at 10 30 pm with fine moon light the temperature being 5° we proceeded as far as the glacier when we came to open water there we had to unload and leave the stores on the rocks and return to the vessel at 2 30 am

Friday Dec 24

Could not leave to go over the top of the glacier on account of bad weather in the mountain hope to get away in the morning early
Temp 14°

Saturday Dec 25

Too much wind to attempt to cross the glacier Christman has passed quite well with a few little extras for supper to which Doctor Harry added a few candies & nuts there is quite a tension on the minds of our party and also on Capt. Pickler as to the end game of the vessel's party
In port of all concerned

North Star Bay

Sunday December 26 1914

we left the vessel Peter, Doctor Hunt, myself and the 5 natives two of them women at 3 am in good weather and moon light. Come up over the glacier which is at least 2000 feet high found good going all the way a distance of about 25 to 30 miles the last 5 miles being in a valley or old river bed this was the worst part on account of stoney ground arrived at the House here at 3 pm so we were 12 hours in coming over Temp was said to be 45° but this is too low probably about 30° - found Mr McMillan and Mr Green here

Monday Dec 27

The weather became bad during the night so that Mr McMillan could not start on his journey to the vessel Quite a number of natives here some to trade and others working on skin clothing for the party going South some are away at the missionaries who live some ways from here a sort of custom at Christmas time with the natives

Tuesday Dec 28

The weather cleared up but Mr McMillan was unable to start on account of darkness

Peter makes it a point to see that we have enough to eat

Wednesday December 29 1915

The weather being pleasant Mr. McMillan started this morning to go to the level two sleds but no loads as they will go over the glacier Mr. Green and Doctor Hunt are here with me as we sat up all night we turned in at 9 am and slept till 6 pm fine weather we had some frozen sunset apples which we brought up on the sled

Thursday Dec 30

We have turned the night time into day and remained up during the night for breakfast had roast goose which came out from Denmark in tin can we turned in at 10 am and slept till 10 pm and soon after that Mr. McMillan came back from the level they brought my shirt of cloths which had been left at the shore and a box also a box of Bread there were a part of the loads we had left the night of the 24 inst

Friday Dec 31

Last night Doctor Hunt and I came up to one of Peater Hansen the one we use to occupy the remainder of the season as it has been hired for us there are two rooms the natives have one and use the other to day I boarded up some of the windows as some are broken

there is a stove in the room but we have to burn the blue flamm lamps to help warm up the room pleasant weather

North Star Bay

Saturday January 1 1916

Clear weather but dark as the moon does not shine now for us. we brought some things up from the Store House and intend to keep all our own goods in this House with us we have but the one room and the up stairs where we keep our goods in we have a few Potatoes and Onions which are frozen hard like so many lumps of Ivory when moved some natives come from the north to trade with Peter.

Sunday Jan 2

Clear weather we are continually getting things up to our house and putting all in order have begun banking up around the House Mr. McMillan and Green stay at Peter's.

Monday Jan 3

Pleasant weather have been putting the stove pipe in order. Our native messenger came in to day he is to work for us our party is to be a sub station for the Etah station.

Tuesday Jan 4

Pleasant Mr. McMillan started on his return we continue to make improvements Mr. Green is staying at Peter's Doctor Hunt is preparing to go to the coast to be of assistance to Doctor Hervey we have all expressed the opinion that there is too much risk in it for Doctor Hervey but he is very desirous of going for the name of it, and also get some

Wednesday January 5 1915

Pleasant weather, banked up more around the House the Natives come in from their part of the House and tend the fire and get ice for melting. These Natives look very much like the Natives of Hecla Bay region though they do not stalk their force and dress much different.

I like them very much as they are obliging.

I do not think they do as good work but they not the variety their foot gear is much superior to the Central Innits.

Thursday Jan 6

Pleasant Doctor Hunt left here for the usual yesterday with moose and two other sleds.

These sled teams may bring back some of the stores. I bought of Peter 4 Narwhale tusks at \$1.50 per pound they come to \$8.25.00 I am alone here now aside from the Natives in the other part of the House and dogs in the Entry way.

Friday Jan 7

Pleasant have been waiting Home am alone here while Mr Green stays with Peter some times they come over for a visit very little regard is paid unto time of sleeping.

it is now midnight and Mr. Green has gone back to supper at Peter's.

brought up a tierce of kerosene oil from Peter.

North Star Bay

Saturday January 8 1916

Pleasant weather. am expecting the return of the sleds from the usual any time. Though I am here alone I do not feel lonesome. The Natives come in but as their language is quite different from the People I have been with and though there are many words somewhat alike the difference is enough to bother them. Meade arrived at midnight brought 3 boxes he left the usual at 3 pm.

Sunday Jan 9

Pleasant at first but becoming overcast with the wind coming up from the NW a little snow falling. Taken most of my time is taken up in cooking and there is always small work to do. The Natives show a disposition to do all they can for us without pay.

Thickness of Ice 28 1/2 inches

Monday Jan 10

Pleasant again. every thing is now ready for a start (Mr Firearmen is going with the Party as leader on the journey south) to the schooner. He says now he will leave here the 12th.

Tuesday January 11 1914

Overcast with a little snow falling over
Native men started off to hunt some
where north of here I have been writing letters
to send by the Party going south

Wednesday Jan 12

Cloudy with a little snow McFletcher
with several dog teams and native drivers
started to day for the vessel Lieutenant
Green went with him I sent letters to
my wife Capt Spicer Mr Bartlett of New Bedford
Mess Nellie Chaffee and to the Advertiser
my Home Paper several sleds came from the
North Mr McMillian sent a letter to me by one
of them he was about half way up to Etah
to gunwar and his wife come up from the
vessel last night got here a little after midnight
with a load of provisions there two are
to work for us also men this will
make our Party of 3 of us and 3 natives

North Star Bay

Thursday January 13 1916

Overcast with a light snow falling and light wind from north. Our native Esquimaux and his wife left this a.m. for their home north of here. He said he had no food for his dogs. I suppose he will remain away for some time and hunt walrus. He is one of the 4 men who went with Peary & the Polar. I am the only white man here at present till Doctor Hunt and Mr Ekblaw come. This thick weather will detain the party at the seal and they will be stranded especially if the weather holds bad.

Friday Jan 14

Stormy wind. Bitterly strong some snow. These strong strong winds drive in to the house and though there is a coal fire the room is cold, it has greatly surprised me to hear the women in the other room sing religious hymns of course in their own tongues but the music of our own country one fine nearer my God to the they carry the air through in fine voice without a break what impression we must in the fact that they can raise and fall the scale so perfect.

Saturday January 15 1916

Very strong winds during the night with drifts
snow to day more moderate but still strong

There is said to be about 250 natives
between Cape York and Etah and for clothing
they use Bear skins which would take about
100 bear each year and fox skins blue and
white (mostly blue) about 600 allowing \$2.00
apiece for the Bear and \$1.00 for the fox skins
(this is very low for the fox skins) it will
be seen what it cost to cloth the tribe
Seal skins are also used and Deer skins
though not numerous Seal skins are used
some for clothing and altogether for tents and
Husk covering their Fox skin clothing
is certainly handsome

Sunday Jan 16

Clean and Pleasant Natives came from the north
last night to get the Doctor for a native who had
cut his thigh with a harpoon which was locked
on his sled they have gone to the sled this morning

I am alone here now as the natives have gone
to the Agents House to live the House is
quite cold in washing the dishes the spooner
froze to the table before I could wipe them
and there were not many either

Thickness of Ice 31 inches

Monday January 17 1916

Pleasant, there is but little I can do now only getting the Haure in better order but it is most impossible to keep it warm most of the time it is quite cold, now that Mr. Frenshen is away I have to go to his Haure Mondays and care for his weather reports and records

Tuesday Jan 18

weather becoming overcast got ready for a storm by getting in coal, ice, and oil. Two of the Native men came in to see me one brought in 5 duck Eggs had them for supper it is the custom of these Natives to stow away large quantities of Eggs in the Laying season under rocks there keep well and remain frozen which soon takes place they are mostly Eider Duck the birds they get are mostly the male or little Auk there are stowed away then there is still a smaller bird dove-like about the size of quail they catch many thousands of these with Nets spread on poles

Wednesday Jan 19

Overcast Doctor Hunt came at midnight with three sleds partly loaded with stores he reports that Doctor Hareys party got away on the 10 but that Doctor Harey broke down at Cape York and is to return to the vessel

Thursday January 20 1916

Snowed and thick till afternoon about 2 pm Doctor Hunt started on his trip north & attend the Native who had his thigh cut This leaves me alone again to help hunt the room here & use a premium stone

Friday Jan 21

Pleasant alone all day have been sewing Deer skins to make a sleeping bag these three skins came from north of Etah where Deer are more plentiful while here it is said there are only 5 known & live for dinner I baked some frozen Potatoes which are brought from Home they are about a year and a half old but were real good

Saturday Jan 22

Pleasant slightly Cloudy have had a sleeping bag made to day of the Deer skins by a couple of the women though I have several Army Blankets my feet get quite cold to keep my head warm I wear a skating Cap all canned good remain frozen soled the lower part of the wall partitions are covered with frost

Sunday Jan 23

Pleasant Castle bugbear on his way up from Cape York brought up a case of bread but had to leave a box of dried fruit on the shore on account of open leads a note from Mr Ekblaw states that the Party left Cape York the 20th and he was staying with Doctor Hanny and would return when the two support sleds returned Doctor Hanny is well the natives who moved away from this house returned to day thickness of ice 3 1/2 inches

North Star Bay

Monday January 24 1916

Pleasant weather I must admit it is rather lonely here alone the women who live in the other part of the House washed my clothes and come in and washed up the Floor went to Peter House and fixed up the weather records that is take off the old and put in new ones Thermograph and Barograph

Tuesday Jan. 25

Pleasant two sleds came from the north and report that the Doctor would not be down for about 10 days, there were also two sleds come up from the south and report Doctor Henry and Mr Ekblaw as being there, They brought up 8 boxes of Provision, I got one of the natives to make some string figures (Cat Cradler) these figures represent animals and birds and scenes and are of interest when collected from all parts of the world

Wednesday Jan 26

Pleasant at meal times I open up some kind of canned goods but being alone do not feel like eating. (the canned goods being frozen solid) but it shortens up the day I am trying to work on I can't in fact do any thing to help pass away the time

Thursday January 27 1916

Pleasant the two sleds from Cape York started in their return they will stop at the seal as they go along

Friday Jan 28

Pleasant Doctor Hunt returned from his trip up north having attended the natives who got badly cut he found that the natives had sewed up the cut with linnel thread some natives came back with him one of them about 14 who is Pemy's son a fine looking boy

Saturday Jan 29

Pleasant two hooded sled came up from the seal they had 18 boxes in all Doctor Hunt is getting ready to go to the seal tomorrow I have been adding to my collection of string figures have now 27

Sunday Jan 30

Pleasant Doctor Hunt left at 10 am with two sleds one of the women here threw a fit of dasy this is ~~common~~ among this people and is known as Pekarblo^{toen} and is sometimes brought about by seeing something unusual, done quite a working to day Ice 36^{inches}

Monday Jan 31

Stormy strong winds driving the loose snow the two Cape York sleds did not get away to day as they expected Egnwar and Evisin attractions here had much to do with this not going

Tuesday February 1 1916

Pleasant the two sleds which brought up Provision Egeewar and Esim started on their return for Cape York will stop at the cove on ~~this~~ way. I take part of my time to bring coal which is about a 1/4 of a mile away and get ice from a berge which is near the shore then with washing clothes and cooking the day is gone by all water frozen in the room and night two sleds came this evening from the cove with 9 boxes Doctor Hovey sent me a pair of boots one of the natives men here stayed at home and cared for a small child while his wife went off hunting Rabbits with a rifle

Wednesday

Feb 2

Pleasant the two natives who arrived here with Provision Amenica and Annawko (Peary son) are expecting to leave tomorrow to go north our day light is the same as the light we get a home in the morning before sunrise

Thursday

Feb 3

Becoming overcast with snow at night the two natives did not get away but are enjoying themselves among friends as they have to be fed it takes some provision to keep them and we have none to spare for our selves

Friday February 4 1916

Pleasant weather The Natives got away this am on their return trip to the north Hendrie who lives in the other part of the House went with them he acts as the agent in the absence of Peter we got quite a little light through the windows though they are well covered with ice and frost

Saturday Feb 5

One of the Natives has gone to the vessel to bring up Mr Ekblaw and some provisions I wrote a note to Doctor Harvey thanking him for the Boots he sent one one of the women here went out hunting with a bag they got one Ptarmigan which they traded for tobacco

Sunday Feb 6

Pleasant the sled returned from the vessel but Mr Ekblaw did not come the Natives explain that the reason he did not come was on account of the open leads he evidently did not get to the vessel

Thickness of Ice $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Monday Feb 7

I work some on Ivory and this took up my mind the lights I have are very poor as the lantern globes are badly cracked and when cleaned I have to replace the broken pieces in them but they smoke up very quickly. it is surprising to me how little wind and snow we have, but steady cold

North Star Bay

Tuesday February 8 1916

Pleasant though becoming a little cloudy
The Natives here in the House are very noisy
and I wish many times they were out of it
they are also very destructive and wasteful
The Agent Mr French evidently has no
control over them a general rule is that
the Parent Natives hang around station
while the better Hunters get out and hunt
for themselves

wednesday Feb 9

weather clearing four sleds left here to go to the
penal to bring up our Provision, Expect them
to return tomorrow with Mr Ekblaw, there is a
very old woman who comes in most every day
and I give her a cup of tea (these natives are very
fond of it) today she came in a second time
but I did not give her any and I thought she
went away mad a little later I heard the
Natives in the other room crying and groaning
and she thought came to me that the old woman had
committed suicide but later my mind was
relieved on that score but it was caused by
the death of a woman of the tribe living up
north of here and a relative of there

Thursday Feb 10

Pleasant the sleds did not go yesterday
as I had thought but went today

Friday February 11 1916

Pleasant though a little cloudy the sleds returned they were not able to reach the land on account of open water

Saturday Feb 12

Slightly Cloudy the clouds show a reddish tinge so it will soon be time to see the sun again the ice around the windows began to stack up so that I can get off quite a little to day also around the door on the inside

Sunday Feb 13

Cloudy slightly the land to the south of us presents us from seeing the sun but the clouds show pink color to day, have been cleaning house and working clothes the natives here are very noisy and very careless of every thing about and in a very few years every thing will be destroyed and uninhabitable last night they broke the front door off the hinges by constant slamming
thickness of ice $41\frac{3}{4}$ inches

Monday Feb 14

cloudy the natives here in north Greenland do not have the custom to any great extent of having their Anticlope meetings same as the natives of the Main land but only once in a great while have these Pawwows there is one native here who has become an Anticlope they certainly have abandoned many of the old customs of our forefathers

Tuesday February 15 1916

Pleasant the days are getting longer but still in order to see about the room have to burn a lamp all the time while in the evening the lamp light is very dim the natives have duck eggs which were collected last year and have been kept frozen to day a native brought a few which he wished to exchange for a can of sweet corn the temp held from 35° to 40° - I do not see the thermometer only once a week which is at the other house three sleds have started for the coast

Wednesday Feb 16

Pleasant Our head native came to day (mease) he is the interpreter he brought some seal meat Mr Ekblaw arrived at 9 pm some of the crew have been staking the stores which were left on the Rocks outside the Harbor

Thursday Feb 17

Pleasant Mr Ekblaw reports that there is much discontent on the vessel and some sickness he has been making arrangements about the house and preparing for a trip up to Etah there is more provision to come up from the vessel

Hendrick who has been gone returned last night

Friday Feb 18

Pleasant Mr Ekblaw went off hunting but no success three sleds started for the coast but had to return in account of their loads

Saturday February 19 1916

Partly Cloudy with a little snow I saw the sun for the first time this winter a number of the natives were to start north walrus hunting but the weather did not seem favorable to them to start me Ekblaw has also got ready for his trip to Etah he has left written instructions for me to be sparing of the food this is the 5th time that I have been reminded on this point one excuse held out to me is that a vessel may not come for us though Doctor Harey has all the necessities but all hesitations this has got on my nerves it not being left to my judgment as to how much I shall use in the instructions it is recommended to mix the mallowin with water there is about 25 gallons of mallowin and 300 lbs of sugar

Sunday Feb 20

Cloudy at first but clearing later Mr Ekblaw with minee got away this morning for Etah several sled with other natives also went to the north to hunt walrus It has produced a feeling of sadness in me to feel the lack of confidence which is apparent in the instructions left me as though I might want the food or trade it off little things seem so big in these high latitudes in fact it was imagination which first conceived the Crocker Land and Faked the Expedition Thickness of Ice $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches now all the natives are gone and I am alone again

Monday

February

21

1916

Generally pleasant To day I got along without a light for a while as the sun is now so that it shows for an hour or more over the hills still the room has been cold all day, The dogs are dying off one of them 8 day went crazy and the natives shot it

Tuesday

Febr

22

Strong winds this morning but becoming moderate by noon Partly cloudy put up a thermometer at noon the temp was 11- at 3 pm 13- Could feel when out side some warm effects of the sun

Wednesday

Febr

23

worst storm of the winter so far a blinding blizzard I should say from N to NW but I could not go out side to look at the thermometer at 3 pm at noon it was 12- every thing moveable blown away I wound the clock up so hard that it broke the main spring have tried to repair it but so cold & weak temp at noon 12-

Thursday

Febr

24

The storm moderated during the night every thing moveable was blown away one new sled was carried away and badly broken the kerosene barrel was frozen so that I had to break it with a crowbar through the bung hole

temp at noon 10-

Friday February 25 1916

Partly clear light air the language of these natives is quite different from that of the central Inuits. I find it difficult to talk with them and so can have little to say to them and as they have every thing they want from the station they are very independent and for that reason I keep alone temp at noon 20-

Saturday Feb 26

Partly clear good weather the natives go out to Saunders Island and are now out there it is known as Ekpar little Ark our coal is now gone so that I have to depend upon the premium stove this might warm up this might warm up the room in ordinary weather but as it is 25- it hardly seems to effect the room my hands and feet are cold all the time unless I hold my hands over the stove temp at noon 21- 4 pm 25-

Sunday Feb 27

Pleasant the room is so cold to do any work or there is no coal to keep it warm though I cannot say that I am very uncomfortable even when we had the coal it was soft coal and fire with some snow in it

thickness of Ice 4 1/2 inches
Ice seems to vary in thickness at different places in the same vicinity temp 21- at noon

North Star Bay

Monday February 28 1916

Pleasant The temperature is the same this morning
 9° this was for lack of coal for two days
 we built a fire to day as one of the natives
 got a bag of coal (Hendrick) where they
 had 9 bags it was of good quality and I
 have had a fire but the sun is getting higher
 and this is going to help but I sleep cold
 temp at 9 am 29° - noon 24° -

Tuesday Feb 29

Pleasant to day I cleaned the windows
 of the ice coating which has accumulated on them
 from the inside it was a half inches thick and
 dark with ~~noise~~ they now let in much light
 and some warmth from the sun with a fire in
 the stove it is quite comfortable it is
 Pleasant to realize that the Spring is coming
 where there is no wind the cold is not so
 bad we certainly have had very little wind
 here this winter Temp 9 am 29° - noon 24° - 4 pm 27° -

Wednesday March 1 1916

Becoming Overcast with a little snow falling, for part of time I still work on Peary and now make's napkin rings for Mr Ekblaw Temp 10 a.m. 22-

Nov 14- 4 pm 16-

Thursday March 2

Overcast with a little snow falling a sled came from the north (Eric) when Mr Ekblaw left for Etah he said he would forward to me from there some Provisions but this Native reports that the Ice has broken away from the shore near there so that sleds can not pass a native here Sigloo (one of Peary's men, north Pole) says he will go to the seal to morrow

Temp at noon 13-

Friday March 3

Overcast and thick part of the time Sigloo started to go to the seal if he can get there three sleds came from the north they were Koo-lee-ting was, ask put to swark too and Hendrick they report much water close to the land my hair which had become quite long I had cut I might say badly cut by one of the natives

Temp at noon 9-

Saturday March 4. 1916

Overcast at night wind increasing there has been a little snow falling during the day. The natives who came yesterday brought from Etah 5 boxes of Provision sent by Mcmillan also one rifle for Doctor Hunt there people intended to go on to the vessel. Coooloongwun can not speak & highly of Doctor Cook who he thinks is a fine man and was pleased to hear that I knew him he traveled with him quite a good deal when Doctor Cook was with Peary. I have spent the day in putting his rifle in order for which he gave me a piece of walrus^{meat}.

Temp at 3-

Sunday March 5

Overcast there was a strong breeze last night. I was surprised to day to see a woman out doors with out any garments on her lower limbs aside from the covering around her hips (this is something like a scant bathing suit) the temperature being 10- one of the men for fun set chase after her and away she ran over the snow.

Coooloongwun and his companions left to go to the vessel thickness of ice 48 inches

Monday March 6 1916

Pleasant the sled that started to go to the vessel had to return to camp on they found open water the Native Sigloo returned from the vessel over the Ice cap and of course could not bring any thing with him I had a note from

Doctor Harey

Tuesday March 7

Thick weather till towards noon then clearing (cooling) war and On putt to work to, started to return to their Homes north of here I sent a note to Mr Ekblaw the natives have all moved out of the House and once more

I am alone and quite tired at noon 16—

Wednesday March 8

Strong breeze during the night to day moderate and overcast cooking and doing small jobs cleaning up the House now that the natives are all gone though some find it convenient to drop in at meal time

tired at noon 12—

Thursday March 9

Light fall of snow last night to day very overcast though not unpleasant

tired 14—

Friday March 10

Light snow all day Eric Matens started this am for Cape York will stop at the vessel send a note to Doctor Hunt and a package from McMillan & Capt. ^{Pike} ~~Pike~~

noon tired 18—

Saturday March 11 1916

Generally ~~clear~~ a little snow falling
the native Eric returned on account of open
water Temp at noon 20-

Sunday March 12

Obscure some wind this afternoon
a little snow Temp 7- Thickness of Ice 4 1/2 ^{inches}

Monday March 13

A stormy day blowing fresh and driving
the snow Two natives come in to visit
this evening my hands are so cold I can't write
though there is a fire it is 9+ in the House
Temp at noon 8-

Tuesday March 14

Dull weather with light winds and snow
falling most of the time Had a pair of stockings
made from some pieces of Deer skin left over
from making my sleeping bag
Temp at noon 10-

Wednesday March 15

Dull weather with light snow falling
increasing to a fresh gale have been washing
clothes and cleaning up the floor in order to
keep the out side door closed I have a
large stone as a weight on a rope to night have
had to add an anchor the wind being heavy
gets in the House Temp at noon 2-

Thursday March 16

Dull with light snow fall all day the wind moderated during the night, temp at noon 14-

Friday March 17

Strong winds a blinding storm this fore noon this afternoon more moderate but becoming colder the front door blew open and went off the hinges had to hang it on the inside, it seemed at times as if the house would go over.

noon temp 11- 8 pm 20-

Saturday March 18

moderate weather Partly Cloudy the days come and go quite quickly the nights seem the longest the natives seem to make it a point to come in at meal times no doubt hoping to get some thing to eat or drink they are fond of tea in order to avoid them I have to eat rather irregular

There is food enough providing a small comes up this season but are holding back from waste of food in case no vessel comes

temp noon 15- 8 pm 23-

Sunday March 19

Generally overcast though pleasant the middle of the day light snow falling at night the Native Eric made another attempt to go to Cape York but had to return on account of open water

Thickness of Ice $47\frac{1}{2}$ inches temp noon 15th, 8 pm 19-

North Star Bay

Monday March 20 1916

Overcast my time is spent in working on Ivory and reading some Evening papers there are the meals to get oat meal or Corn meal and beans there is quite a lot of canned goods but am having there for the coal is now almost gone Hendrick had 9 bags of coal at another part of the Bay he let me have 4

min temp 12-, 8 pm 18-

Tuesday March 21

Dull weather and the cold seems greater perhaps because of dampness in the air the natives here are getting short of meat and some of them are getting ready to leave and go to the northward where they can hunt walrus temp noon 12-, 8 pm 18-

Wednesday March 22

Quite Pleasant though partly overcast a number of the natives started off for the north hunting walrus when I went out to read the thermometer at noon there was a Bear up in the meat rack with in 4 feet of the Thermometer it did not take me long to run in and get the rifle and shoot it It must have been very hungry & have come around the house it was very lean and one or two year old it had climbed on the rack a place where the dogs are unable to go three women and two men came evening so as to help skin the Bear and in that way would be entitled to a share of the meat they got it all temp noon 19- 8 pm 24-

Thursday March 23 1914

Pleasant light air and cold the few people left here all claim to be quite destitute of food
temp noon 19- 8 pm 24-

Friday March 24

Very pleasant weather the Native Eric started again the day before yesterday here & return last night on account of open water he now intends to try the route over the Ice cap temp noon 15- 8 pm 20-

Saturday March 25

Pleasant this morning three natives arrived from the vessel they were Eric wife and son they had been brought up from Cape York to the vessel and had then walked over the glacier they had waited a number of days at the vessel for Eric to come for them temp noon 16- 8 pm 21-

Sunday March 26

Overcast moderate weather the few natives find it convenient to sleep in at meal times to day while getting some beans ready & cook I picked out the mauldey ones and were thrown out on the ash heap the natives went out and picked them up & took to their Igloo to cook

Thickness of Ice $48\frac{1}{2}$ inches temp noon 7- 8 pm 11-

Monday

March

27

1916

Overcast with a little snow I was surprised to day when down at the other House to see a dog hanging up dead and when I enquired about it was told they had killed it to eat and were looking forward with pleasure to cooking and eating it it is not that they are short of food but they like to eat dog meat often the meat they have on hand is badly tainted this they like but now they wanted something fresh hereafter when I hear of natives eating dogs I shall not waste my sympathies on them thinking how awfully hungry they must be

Temp at noon 5- 8 pm 12-

Tuesday

March

28

Overcast light snow the time would go slow if I did not have useless tasks to cut up in to Ivory Carving but as it is the time goes quickly and I do not mind being alone so much, temp noon 5- 8 pm 12-

Wednesday

March

29

Pleasant and clear the coal is now all gone have been part of the day without a fire the room is quite cold

Temp noon 11- 8 pm 18-

Thursday March 30 1916

Very pleasant but with nothing but a primer
stone the room is cold and my feet have been
cold all day the stove is frosting up again
Temp at noon 16 - 8 pm 23 -

Friday March 31

Very pleasant the walls of the room frost
up when there is steam rising from cooking
have been trying to get the two men who are
here to go to the creek and get coal and
Provision if they can get there they say
they will go Temp noon 19 - 8 pm 22 -

Saturday April 1 1916

Very pleasant Two natives came from the north
yesterday at night they were Arbarlar and
Ouk big they report plenty of walrus taken
to the northward

Sunday April 2

Very pleasant It seems warmer out doors
than in the house the Oil Stoves do not
seem to warm up the room the natives seem
to take pleasure in looking at the things
I have made of Ivory and like to arrange
them in groups

North Star Bay

Monday

April

3

1916

Pleasant weather three sleds come from the North over the Ice Cap Egnawar Ewin and Tawutier the latter from Upernivik he brought a note from Doctor Hovey which told of our people having arrived there all right they were 23 days getting to that place and were to leave the 14 of February to go on Doctor Hovey's note also states that part of the Provision left on the outside of the Harbor (some had been left on the ice) had been carried off by the ice breaking up ~~were~~ lost, this was carelessness and all provisions should have been close on the shore Koolostingwar came from the north he brought me a large piece of walrus meat for which he wanted a hatchet

Tuesday

April

4

very pleasant Koolostingwar and Egnawar (the Cape York one) went off sealing to day have not returned yet

Wednesday

April

5

very pleasant the natives who went sealing yesterday were not successful but report the ice in good condition to passing to the vessel and now preparing to go tomorrow also with them the sleds that are to return to Cape York the only time I can get warm is when in the sleeping bag even then it takes some time

Thursday April 6 1916

Pleasant fine sleds started south three to go to Cape York and the others to stop at the coast & bring back coal and provision, to assist there going 6 sleds came from the north four of them from Etah which Mr. Ekblaw had hired & being clean provision they also brought some walrus meat Ootah and our Eginuar (Peary man) the others were Kurkingwar and Arbank there 4 were the men for us the other two were Enuk the teacher who is a South Greenland man and his son Enhangwar there was 14 boxes in all one rifle and one pick axe

Friday April 7

Pleasant made two Plaster coats of men faces Ootah and his brother Eginuar (Peary ^{man} ~~North Pole~~) they do not speak well of Peary from the fact that he has not given them what he promised to give them and it has left a bad impression no doubt in my mind but that he at the time promised them more than he would but for the pleasure he felt at the time of having reached the Pole he sent a Grapophone to Ootah by us when we came up but there are four men and the Grapophone is not so useful they do not hesitate to say they are disappointed very much in Peary

North Star Bay

Saturday April 8 1916

Slightly cloudy the two sleds returned from the vessel they could not quite get her but were able to get the Boxes which were out side the Harbor the other sleds had to go up over the glacier from there and in that way reach the head of the Bay the two sleds brought back 2 boxes of canned apples one of Tomatoes and one of Syrup

Sunday April 9

Pleasant The sleds that came from the north started to return 5 of them while one went on down the coast & the sled, sent a note to Mr Ekblaw and also wrote to Doctor Hawley it is so cold in the room that the Ink keeps frozen and my hands so numb I write
Ice 5 3 inches

Monday April 10

Pleasant The Native Eric who brought up some of the stores on the 8th had four of his dogs die yesterday, one of the women who works at the Regent's House brought up a loaf of oat meal bread she had made it was very good, and it was thoughtful in her Hendrick also brought up a tin of Kerolin or I have used up one since coming here

Tuesday April 11 1916

Pleasant Still working as I was am now making some Gavel. Each morning when I get up there is Ice on the blanket which comes from the moisture in breathing and I keep well covered up

Wednesday April 12

Pleasant every thing goes on the same from day to day get up at 8 note the temperature two of the unpleasant things is going to bed and the other getting up and shivering I get warm in the sleeping bag, but still it is not unpleasant here as I keep to work

Thursday April 13

Pleasant Conditions remain the same occasionally some native drops in unless I keep busy I feel the cold

Friday April 14

Pleasant one sled Sigloo came from Etah bringing four Boxer Dog biscuit (perhaps) also two boxes containing fox skins Sigloo has not seen Mr Ekblaw but brought a letter to me from Mr Macmillan

The natives who went to the vessel a few days ago returned today bringing one small bag of coal The native family who have lived at the vessel all winter came up with him. This leaves the vessel alone only the natives who came to trade or visit Had a note from Doctor Hovey and Doctor Hunt Pookloo and his family are going are farther north

North Star Bay

Saturday April 16 1916

Pleasant becoming slightly overcast during the after noon. Kaskigual and Poobla continued on their way to the northward of the goods that Sigloo brought. There were only 4 boxes for this place and there probably contains Fox skins. Made a plaster cast of Sigloo's face. He being one of brave men was able to have a fire & day and start some of the frost off the windows and sides.

Sunday April 16

Generally pleasant though overcast during the fore noon with a little snow later. Sigloo started to return to the northward sent a note to Mr Ekblaw also one from Doctor Honey and Doctor Hunt. Thickness of Ice $53\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Monday April 17

Thinly overcast with light snow falling all day. At the time the sun is shining through have not felt the cold in the house so much. The windows and the doors are still partly covered with ice and frost.

Tuesday April 18

Thinly overcast some snow in the air there was a strong breeze during the middle of the night for some time we have had only light winds are now working on rain. The wood came from the wreck of the steamer Fox now a wreck in Desko Harbor Godhavn.

Wednesday April 19 1916

Pleasant though a little hazy today I have been busy mending clothes. The natives here are very short of food and why some of them stay here is more than I can understand.

Thursday April 20

Pleasant Mr Ekblaw came last night at 11 p.m. with Meenee and today Meenee has gone out to Saunders Island to get some walrus meat for his dogs expects to return tomorrow. Three sleds came from the north with more provision from Etah, Kooloo tung was came up from Cape York stopping at the shed on the way (has been hear hunting) he brought up a barrel of flour also a letter from Doctor Hovey.

Friday April 21

Pleasant though slightly cloudy Meenee returned this evening with a small amount of walrus meat. Kooloo tung was started on his way to the northward.

Saturday April 22

Pleasant (my birth day) am 58 years old. Mr Ekblaw made quite a day of it and set out quite an elaborate dinner even had the flag up. Two sleds started for the coast and two to the north. Hendrick gave as a present a pair of walrus tusks and Mr. Ekblaw a fancy real skin bag made in South Greenland.

Sunday April 23. 1916

Pleasant three sleds came up from Cape York they had staid at the level and Doctor Hunt came up with them they brought some Provision up from level they report our two sleds passing them near the level thickness of ice ^{inches} 54 1/2

Monday April 24

Pleasant though slightly cloudy the natives are now getting seal on the ice there is now much talk of some of our party going home in the schooner for fear no seal may come to take home the whole party with all their collection and equipment and Doctor Harvey thinks the museum will not continue ~~the~~ pay longer if any are staying longer

Tuesday April 25

Pleasant Menee and another natives started south Menee is to go to the level for Provision the two sleds returned from the level this morning they brought up 14 bags of seal they killed 3 seal while they were gone

Wednesday April 26

Pleasant two sleds started to return to Cape York and two the north as things are now I can see that plans are being made for me to return in the schooner as Mr Ekblaw evidently prefer to be here alone with the natives to help him

Thursday

April

27

1916

Overcast with light snow falling this forenoon
broken clouds this afternoon. The place where I have
been sleeping was a koo bench wide enough for
two and when either Mr Ekblaw or Doctor Hunt have
been here have shared it with me. Though both
men are quite solitary and last night I wishing
to sleep by myself went in to the room which
the natives had used during the winter. This
morning Mr Ekblaw took it as an offence against
his authority that I should do such a
thing without asking him and find out if
it would be agreeable to him.

I have read this to Mr Ekblaw and he says
that I have not stated it correctly but says
hereafter he will consider me as free to leave
his party and I may do as I please
such a little thing as not asking him
if I could go in there shows how small
a thing can be to give a man offence in
these high latitudes. The real fact was
that he wanted the room for himself and
certain natives.

Our men returned from the seal at 2 am
with provision. There is certainly a large
amount here now.

Friday

April

28

1916

Stormy strong winds driving the snow especially this afternoon. Kigloo came in from the North as I now expect to return in the schooner with Doctor Hoovey and Doctor Hunt. I have returned to the Station the Narwhale Tusk which I had bought. I do not feel that it would be well to take anything besides my personal baggage also sent back the walrus tusks that Henseluck gave me as a present.

Saturday

April

29

strong winds and though the temperature has been up to zero the warmest we have had still the wind is damp and cold.

Sunday

April

30

Strong winds which shake the house this is the first day that the temperature has got above zero.

Monday May 1. 1916

Partly Cloudy though generally pleasant our
native men went off sealing got a large seal
beginning three sleds started on their return north
now birds are becoming common there are
also the Ravens but they stay here all winter

Tuesday May 2

Fresh warm winds though raw weather
snow is disappearing fast seal are now hauling
out on the ice so they will now be plenty
from now on weather permitting hunting

Wednesday May 3

Cloudy with light winds the reason I do not
mention the wind direction is that it cannot be
told with any certainty it is so variable under
the mountains In Cooking we each take our
turn, while men goer hunting seal

Thursday May 4

Pleasant though slightly cloudy Mr Jensen
arrived here 8 day from taking the Party
north he left there near Disko and from
there on they would go with the Bishop
all were in good health

Friday this about ~~May~~ ^{May} a mistake as Mr Jensen did
not arrive till the 5

North Star Bay

Friday May 5th 1916

Pleasant Menee has ^{yesterday} gone west to the
healing grounds to stay a while taking a
tent with him we are having new day
light both night and day

Saturday May 6th

Pleasant weather light air. Natives are
now on the move going and coming our
Native Menee returned with 4 seal

Sunday May 7th

Generally Pleasant though a slight fog at
night some arrivals from the North Outake
and family among the rest Peter came up and had
dinner with us Menee got 2 seal

thickness of Ice $54\frac{1}{4}$ inches

Monday May 8th

Saw ~~light~~ fog the tops of the mountains
being clear light variable air

Tuesday May 9th

Fog I have repaired the windows in the
House by putting and putting in new
glass and have placed stone at the door
way for steps

Wednesday May 10 1916

Pleasant though slightly hazy with moderate wind from the northward. Our Native Menee and Doctor Hunt went off sealing no success though they saw three on the ice. A report from the natives further north tell of a shooting accident one of the men in handling his rifle it went off and killed a young boy about eleven years old. The man was the first one to return from the party who went south.

Thursday May 11

Dull weather at first with moderate breeze, this afternoon clear and pleasant. Eginwas and his wife who are to work for us arrived today from the north two other young men came with them. The natives report that Gulle and Little Auker have arrived around the water and Islander.

Friday May 12

Partly cloudy moderate wind north very baking day though Doctor Hunt does all the baking bread stuff have breakfast at 8 am and supper between 3 and 4 pm.

Saturday May 13

Overcast with fog at times on the mountains. Mr Ekblaw with Menee and Eginwas started to go to the seal and the glacier some natives came from the north have been washing and mending clothes.

Sunday May 14 1916

Overcast with snow in the air at times
wind light and variable one of the natives was
operated on by the Doctor I took a Plaster
Cast of Ogveia face another one of Pearymen
this makes the 4th and completes the number
have made 10 Plaster Cast in all also one pair
of hands thickness of Ice 5-2 1/2 inches

Monday May 15

Overcast with fog part of the time some snow
in the air Mr Ekblaw returned this morning at 4.30
he brought a note from Doctor Harey which
notified me to return on the vessel Home
as he and Doctor Hunt are also to return Home
in her the reason being the fear that a vessel
may not come to take Home the Crocker Land Party

Tuesday May 16

overcast some fog at times a little snow I have
been digging about an old Igloo hoping to find implements
but was not successful The minister who lives north
of here came to day with his family wife and 4
children they spent the evening with us he can
not speak English but it was pleasing to
meet him as well as his wife Menee and
Egnewa went seal hunting menee had no success
but Egnewa got 8

Wednesday May 17 1916

Overcast with fog most of the time Doctor Hunt got a seal to day Mr Davis the mate of the shell arrived here this morning he is going to help the Agent put his Launch in order which was damaged by the Ice last season my day as cook the mate Mr Davis will board here while at work

Thursday May 18

Overcast but more broken clouds no fog to day went around the old ruins and made sketches of their construction not felt well during the day but at night a little better the two natives Egnuar and Menie got 4 seal this makes 23 so far for this month

Friday May 19

Overcast rather thick with snow falling at times the ground is still frozen & hard to dig with any success around the old ruins but I pick up what I can which is but little some times the natives bring in something of interest

Saturday May 20

Quite a little snow fell last night from two to three inches but it soon melted away when the weather cleared off though there is much of last winter snow yet on the ground in places to morrow I am to go out to Saunders Island and look around the old ruins for a few days

Sunday May 21 1966

Pleasant weather though a little overcast this fore noon. Came out to Raundson Island to stay a few days and dig around the Old ruin for anything made or used by the former inhabitants. Menee and Egunwag came out with me. Two sleds they got a large seal (Sejourn) left some of it here and have returned to the House. There is no little bear ground that the tent is placed partly over snow and my sleeping bag is partly on the snow. The weather is comfortable. Can hear gulls and ducks out in the water about a half mile away close to Palimpsest Rock. The ground for the present is too hard to dig.

Monday May 22

Dull weather moderate breeze from the Eastward. Snowing a little at night. Can not carry on any work as the ground is frozen to hard. There is much open water to the South and west. Ice broken in more to day.

Tuesday May 23

Snow falling most of the time, at night clouds more broken. Menee came down last night brought down a kettle and a can of oil. He shot a few of the murres (little auk).

Wednesday May 24

Pleasant have been able to dig a little around the ruins but not much snow the ice is breaking in all the time, between the men of the Little Auk and the Gulls is like the grinding of the ice on the breaking of the ice on the beach, the meat of the Orizory is made tough by cooking and I cut much of it raw have cut up some in 8 thin slices to dry on the rocks

Thursday May 25

Very pleasant till night when the fog settled down Doctor Hunt came down with Egenwar they shot a few of the Little Auk the ice is breaking away and is now up to the shore ice and working in towards the main land

Friday May 26

Pleasant this fore noon but thick fog this afternoon Egenwar returned to the House this morning the Doctor brought down a shovel for me and I have been able to clear out the snow from the old house so that the sun may thaw them out

Saturday May 27

Pleasant all day the water in the Kettle froze over last night and it is colder & night continue doing but get but little

Saunders Island

Sunday May 28 1916

Cloudy with a little snow Cold and raw
with moderate breeze Easterly wholterholer Island
is now clear of ice during bad weather the
little auker keep to see the Doctor and I
went to the cliffs that only one auk
ate the whole of it

Monday May 29

Stormy at first later Pleasant went out
to the Cliffs with the Doctor that 10. Auker
Egunwar came down and brought the canoe
Egunwar shot a number of little Auker the Doctor
returned with him to the House

Tuesday May 30

Pleasant at first, at night strong wind with snow
a Native Seemey came down he will remain
all night he came to see the Doctor not
knowing he had gone to the House

Wednesday May 31

Stormy last night and this fore noon
afternoon better but snowing and raining
at night Seemey reports that Mene has
gone to the land with Mr Davis as he
has got through working on the Launch
Seemey says the reason that the Igloos have
been partly washed away is heavy seas
later it proved to be a tidal wave the 25th
(about) of October 1903 Mr Rasmussen was living
here at the time, some claim the land is settling

Thursday June 1 1916

Stormy through the night and this fore noon
afternoon clearing and becoming pleasant there is little
here now if a person could be here when the
snow was off the beach no doubt but that some
things could be found what I have found will
prove of interest but it has taken a lot of hard
digging

Friday June 2

Pleasant though the wind is raw the Doctor came
down with me here there is nothing I can do here but
will stay with the Doctor till some natives come
as he wishes to remain here

Saturday June 3

Generally pleasant though slightly hazy
Mene started for the station but that an
Orongo and brought back a part of it
The Doctor and I went up to the top of the
Island from there we could see Cary Island
the sea to the East of the Island was clear of Ice
later went out in canoe got a few seals

Sunday June 4

Slight snow falling most of the day
we went out in the canoe but had
to return soon

Saunders Island

Monday June 5 1916

Pleasant weather we went out in the canal and over to the small Duck Islands there is much snow on them though the usual time for them to lay is the latter part of June Mr Peter Thresham came down with his people & remain.

Tuesday June 6

Pleasant though ~~slightly~~ overcast while we were out yesterday we saw a few walrus the Doctor shot a couple of Duck (old squaws) the hard tack we have are something awful broke one of my teeth in trying to eat one

Wednesday June 7

Stormy wind and snow from S.E. a Native Koo loo long war came down to see the Doctor to have him look at the hand of his son in order to do better lay the hand the Doctor returned to the House (it is about 15 miles)

Peter also went up leaving his family they did not go up finally

Thursday June 8

Stormy wind S.E. To day the Doctor and Peter went up to the House to attend the boy's hand blood Poison having set in

Friday June 9 1916

Stormy during the forenoon but later
Pleasant the ground is well covered with snow
while much of the old snow still remains
water in the gutter freezes over there last two nights

Saturday June 10

Generally pleasant dug around an old igloo
but found little. Had my hair cut by
one of the women Peter's wife

Sunday June 11

Pleasant with moderate to fresh wind
Egnavar Cape York came down with his wife
to stay and this afternoon Doctor Hunt
came down with our Egnavar Mr. Ekblaw
sent a note in which he prefers that
I should remain a few days longer here

Monday June 12 1916

Pleasant though partly overcast, last night Mr. Ekblaw came to the Camp with Mence it was then arranged that I should return to the House and dig around the Old Igloo there. Several natives came out to the Island before we got started. I returned with Egunwar. On our way up I was much interested in the way the natives hunt seal. Egunwar saw a seal some ways off and drove towards it and when he got near enough he stopped the team of 14 dogs and taking his little sled on which was rigged about a yard of white cloth to act as a blind in front of him he walked as near as safe and then crawled along pushing the little sled ahead a small hole in the cloth allowed him to keep through and also the rifle to pass partly through in the mean time. I thought every thing depended on me, to keep the dogs still and I stood in front of them with the whip. Just the moment the report of the gun was heard the dogs sprang forward and I had to jump on side to prevent their going over me. Then I ran for the sled and jumped on with such force that I went over and landed on my back hurt my ankle and had to walk up to where the seal and dog team were waiting.

Tuesday June 13 1916

Generally pleasant have been digging around the Old Igloos but got but little as the ground is frozen hard after lying down a few inches

Wednesday June 14

Pleasant fresh breeze from SE this afternoon Egnawar in hunting red to day got 8 I dug around the old ruins but spent much of the time going around among the old Igloos & iter

Thursday June 15

Pleasant with a fresh breeze from East digging but got but little Mr Ekblaw returned with mence reports that the natives have taken a walrus each day for three days

Friday June 16

Very pleasant mence and Egnawar have gone out to Saunders Island to stay a few days took several pictures of the Old Igloos also got several skulls of natives

Mail from Home North Star Bay

Saturday June 17 1916

Very Pleasant While I was digging around among the Old ruins I saw four men coming towards me and as they got nearer could see that two of them were white men then one called out and said how do you do even then I could not believe my eyes or ears then the thought came to me that some vessel had come and there were some of the crew then one of them stepped up and said he was Rasmussen and then introduced his companion Mr Koch I was so pleased to see them for they could tell what was going on in the world they left Denmark in March and came in steamer to Holstenburg South Greenland then by small boats and their dog sleds on up here

When they told me that they had left two letters at the House for me the tears came to my eyes to think I should hear from my Family and Home

I then excused my self and came to the House and got the two letters one from my wife and one from Mr. Sheward of the mission My wife's letter talks of the loss by death of some Friends the letters were written February 7th and the 9th Many thanks to Mr. Rasmussen

Sunday June 18 1916

Mr Rasmussen went out to Saunders Island last night to see his Agent Peter Frenchen he took out letters for Doctor Hunt they all returned this evening they have been very successful in taking walrus took 4 today they brought up a number of Bider Duck eggs

Monday June 19

Generally pleasant though a little overcast there is much talk now of changing plans about how the party will go Home

Tuesday June 20

Overcast with light snow this afternoon two sleds started for the vessel Mene and Eginwas taking the letters for Doctor Hawey Mene has made arrangements to go back in the vessel with Capt. Pickler so he is not expected back here it is possible that Doctor Hawey may come back with Eginwas depending on what news he may hear from Home

Wednesday June 21

Partly pleasant with fog at times, at night clearing with fresh breeze from N.E.

North Star Bay

Thursday June 22 1916

Pleasant weather moderate breeze from NE
Menee and Egunwar returned last night and
to day have gone to Saunders Island

Doctor Hunt found to day the nest of a
bird known as the Knatt with 3 eggs.

in it it is considered quite a valuable
find as none are known to be in

collections. Mr Rasmussen has gone up
to the Mishanaries Haure north of Cape Parry

Friday June 23

Pleasant with moderate winds NW Mr Ekblaw

Doctor Hunt and I went a short distance
inland over the hills to where Dr Hunt
found the Knatt's nest took a number of

Pictures of the bird on the nest and also
of the eggs in the nest (3) was able to hold
the camera within a foot of the bird

later took eggs and bird (and later the nest)

Doctor Honey sent word for me to come down
when convenient before the first of July

Saturday June 24

Pleasant with moderate northerly winds

Packed up some narwhale tusks which I
had bought of Peter in case there should
be a chance to send them home.

Sunday June 25 1916

Becoming overcast and snowing squally strong breeze from the East to show the carelessness of the natives, when Mr Rasmussen went down to Saunders Island the natives all came back with him leaving 8 walrus on the ice (the meat) instead of placing it on the shore which was very close later when they returned it was carried off by the ice drifting away

Monday June 26

Pleasant though fresh breeze from S E then N E Mr Rasmussen returned to day and is now preparing to leave in three days to go over the ice cap to the north shore of Greenland on exploring work

Tuesday June 27

Strong winds from East some snow and rain this fore noon Mr Rasmussen started this morning for Saunders Island

Wednesday June 28

Strong winds from N E during the night and most of the day at night moderate northerly took a walk over the hills hoping to find a knut's nest saw several old ones but not new ones Mr Ekblaw and the Doctor are out now looking

Mr Rasmussen returned from Saunders Island

North Star Bay

Thursday June 29 1916

Snow with strong winds during the latter part of the night. Stopped snowing at noon but still blowing overcast this evening Mr. Ekblow is entertaining Mr. Rasmussen and Mr. Koch also Peter. Doctor Hunt found another Knots nest with 4 eggs in it last night. He stayed out all night. Menee and Egunwar returned from Saundlen Island this morning.

Friday June 30

Came over the Ice cap to Parkash Snow Bay with Egunwar. He left the House at 1 pm while I had started earlier. After we reached the Ice cap we had strong winds with damp mists and could see but little way but Egunwar made the trip in good shape and we reached the vessel at 11 pm. What I was well received by all. All are in good health though the food supply is short. The men have been and are catching large numbers of small birds which nest in the Toler or among the tumble down stones from the side of the mountain. The Harbor Ice extends off from the vessel about a mile and a half. No chance of its breaking up till the next high tides.

Saturday July 1 1946

Strong winds from the eastward Eginwar is unable to return on account of so much wind and there must be much more in the mountain

Sunday July 2

Strong winds with snow and rain during the night and this forenoon, After noon weather clearing but still strong winds water freezing on deck there is neither Butter Sugar or Malassia now on the vessel with the large amount at North Star Bay 200 lbs of sugar 20 gals of malassia it would be the right thing to do to divide some with the vessel as there is no doubt but that there will be a vessel up here soon

Monday July 3

Strong winds with snow most of the time at night less wind but snowing hard Eginwar got one seal and he with the men got a number of little crabs (the very small kind) what Tobacco the men have is of very poor quality and but little of it it was brought up from South Greenland by the return party

Tuesday July 4

Less wind but snow squalls at times it is too thick for Eginwar to return and probably much more wind in the mountain

Parker Snow Bay

Wednesday July 5 1916

Pleasant, Egunwar started on his return

I have been digging in old ruins for material
found a few things took a few snap
shot pictures of the old ruins

Thursday July 6

Generally pleasant though strong winds
from the eastward these winds are cold as they
come off the Ice cap the Harbor Ice shows
little signs of ~~breaking up~~ this place seems
to be warmer and more protected in winter but
it seems cold in summer on account of the
wind coming down off the glacier washed around
the old ruins and think that I have finished up
all that can be done

Friday July 7

Strong winds from off the land today I have
collected moss and flowers Doctor Honey also
went out then Capt Pickler Doctor Honey got
off the story this evening that when he was
coming down from Etah in the Samruk last fall
at a place near Hager Harbor they saw
so many rabbits running up the side hill
that it looked like a snow squall
as the rabbits are white it makes a fair story
for a minutes hour first seen in
the Arctic

Saturday July 8 1916
moderate winds. Early a little rain and snow
collected more flowers and moss took a walk
with Doctor Harey one of the men that a seal
The men are employed in catching the very small
Arctic which nest about here in millions there are
caught in nets rigged on poles they have taken as
many as 600 in a day yesterday they took over 100
and about this many every day it is estimated that
3000 have been eaten on board also many eggs

Sunday July 9
Very Pleasant Light variable wind. Collected
a few mosses with Doctor Harey Capt Peckler found
and brought aboard two young blue foxes

Monday July 10
Very Pleasant Mr Rasmussen (who had to give up
his north Greenland trip) with Peter and Mr Koch
with two natives came over they have offered to
take Doctor Harey back with them if he wishes to go
it is arranged now that I should go also and we
will wait at North Star Bay for the steamer which
Doctor Harey expects to have come

Tuesday July 11
Pleasant, light breeze NW this is the best wind for clearing
the ice off shore but the harbor shows little signs of breaking
up. we are now all prepared to start and are waiting
till midnight this gives the snow a chance to harden up
on the lower hill in the glacier it is always hard
on leaving my chest to be sent home when small articles

North Star Bay

Wednesday July 12 1916

Pleasant weather though partly cloudy Doctor Hovey and I left the vessel at midnight with Mr. Rasmussen's party. Doctor Hovey had quite a lot of baggage so that each sled had quite a load. He rode all the way even when the sleds had to go over long stretches of stoney ground. We were eleven hours in coming over. Capt. Piskler gave us a Colbr. can of mutton to be eaten on the way over also a lunch before starting.

Thursday July 13

Pleasant weather. Have been digging around the old Igloos but no success. But the more I see of these old ruins the more I am impressed with the great length of time that the Inuits have inhabited the country and must have been more numerous in olden times.

Friday July 14

Fog during the night but to day cloudy but good weather. My day for rooking. Doctor Hovey is the cook for to morrow. Mr. Rasmussen with some natives have gone to Saunders Island for a few days. Part way by sled and the rest of the way by boat.

Saturday July 15

Generally pleasant though at times a little fog. Had better success in digging about an old Igloo.

Sunday July 16 1916

Cloudy with a little fog at times rather cold and raw though we are now having high tides the ice shows little signs of breaking up I estimate the highest tides to be about 12 feet

Monday July 17

Overcast there was a little snow falling this morning had some success in digging at this bank which I think will go down in history as Corner Ketchikan midden

Tuesday July 18

Pleasant during the fore noon but thick fog this P.M. my day for cooking but found time to go and dig a couple hours got a few things

Wednesday July 19

Pleasant most of the time then fog part of the time, continue to dig and find good material took snap shot pictures of the bank in which I am digging one shows Peter digging

a year ago to day we sailed from Sydney and have not accomplished any thing only waste

Thursday July 20

some fog but generally pleasant among other things found in the refuse thrown out was a stone knife woman

this bank of refuse is the accumulation of several hundred years and much interesting material is there

North Star Bay

Friday July 21 1916

Generally pleasant though partly cloudy Mrs. Koch and Peter are now quite interested in the Debris where I am digging each day I get some interesting articles

Saturday July 22

Dull weather light rain nearly all day Mr. Rasmussen and the natives came in from Saunders Island last night they did not have much success one walrus 3 oxen and 2 narwhals no ice to be seen from Saunders Island to seaward

Sunday July 23

Dull weather fresh breeze from NE although it is Sunday I could not refrain from digging as the time is so short before a wind may blow up here from Home

Monday July 24

Dull with a little snow at times continue digging with some success but the ground is frozen so that I have to change places find large amount of whale bone there are parts of whale bone matting and nets but just how well is not certain

Tuesday July 25 1916

Overcast with moderate Easterly wind the same
 routine digging with a few results took dinner
 with Mr Rasmussen all they have to eat is just
 what the natives get in hunting we had Narwhale
 and Coffee (it was made out of burned peas)
 were I in charge I certainly would divide with them
 as there is quite a supply of Provision here
 and it is reasonable to suppose that there will be
 a haul up either his or ours here soon

Wednesday July 26

Dull weather with moderate winds my day as
 Crak two seal taken this Bay still remains
 covered with ice while on the north side of the
 Point the ice is all gone out

Thursday July 27

Forenoon dull After noon Stormy Mr Rasmussen
 Mr Hook and Peter came up and spent the evening
 Ice starting out a little

Friday July 28

Strong winds with rain during the night and this
 forenoon afternoon better but light rain and
 misty could dig a little the rain comes
 through the roof making every thing wet
 the ice did not all go out of the Harbor

North Star Bay

Saturday July 29 1966

Dull weather and misty at times Mr Rasmussen is having the roof of this House covered with roofing paper, as the sun is quite high even at midnight they are working at night in fact these people work more at night than in the day time

Sunday July 30

Partly Cloudy but generally pleasant
Went down to Mr Rasmussen's House
the Coffee that they use is made of roasted
split-peas then grind and boil they certainly
are living with out many comforts, very cheerfully

Monday July 31

Pleasant have been digging and as usual
in this bank get something of value especial
as they are very old have decided the Bank
so that Mr Rasmussen could carry out his
wish to make a special study of the whale
bone nets

Mr Rasmussen takes a very great interest
in the Eskimo and makes their lives a study
past and present has written several
books on their lives and traditions

Tuesday August 1 1916

Pleasant during the forenoon but overcast and some snow this afternoon last night Peter got his motor Boat out by keeping close to the shore managed to get out of the Harbor and arrived in clear water north side (the Ice is still in the Harbor) he then went with Mr. Rock and some natives to Cary Island to collect Bider down to dry one of the Harpoon Points which I found has Iron in it which may be meteoric Iron this will be proven when it gets to the museum.

Wednesday August 2

Strong winds from S & which has taken the Ice out all the implements which I find I saw in cardboard which shaver them off to better advantage Mr. Rasmussen was with and took supper with us

Thursday August 3

Fresh breeze S & but more broken clouds my day as Cook but went over and dug up a few implements Natives are working on the roof

Friday August 4

Fresh breeze increasing at night Peter and his party returned from Cary Islands while there they found the grave of a white man one of a Swedish Party of Explorers this party died of starvation but just where the remainder (2 of them) died is uncertain in 1906 (Swedish Expedition)

North Star Bay

Saturday August 5 1916

Very strong winds during the night & day a little more moderate each day I continue to get a few things by digging went down for a short time to visit Mr Rasmussen

Sunday August 6

Pleasant and the warmest day we have had since the last August the 8 last year so Doctor Harey says I think the temperature has been up to $45^{\circ}+$

Keep adding to my Collection by digging The Ice being all gone we have to bring water about a half mile

Monday August 7

Pleasant weather I moved my sleeping bag over to one of the old Igloos as I prefer to sleep over there alone
my dog as Cook

Tuesday August 8

Very pleasant winds light variable each day Dig what I can as the ground thaws out slowly what I have collected makes a good showing and valuable

Wednesday August 9

Forenoon pleasant but fog during the afternoon Doctor Hunt has gone to Saunders Island with Mr Rasmussen and some natives in the Power Boat

Thursday August 10 1916

Some fog but pleasant part of the time we are anxiously looking for a vessel to arrive my day at Crook's on Dr Hunt is away sparring we made quite a little last night

Friday August 11

Light rain this forenoon but pleasant this afternoon

Saturday August 12

Dull weather snow squalls this afternoon wind increasing Mr Parmesan and party returned from hunting trip they took 1 walrus 1 arctic fox and 2 seal

Sunday August 13

Generally pleasant arrangements are now going on for us to go up to Etah with the Launch and get Mr Mcmillan and Mr Small leaving all or about everything of the Collection stored in the House then return here and start south in the Launch for Holstenborg and then take the Steamer for Denmark this is in case no vessel comes in the meantime

Monday August 14

Strong wind from N.E. but little ice in night have packed up all of the Collection which I have made as I expect to go to Etah in the Launch

North Star Bay

Enroute for Etah

Tuesday

August

15

1916

Pleasant light variable winds we started at noon in the launch to go to Etah Mr Rasmussen, Doctor Hovey, Peter, the Engineer Hendrick, and my self when near Cape Parry we had some trouble in getting through the ice but cut through and the weather becoming thick we stopped at (Nestokilevick) a settlement at 2 am

Wednesday

August 16

The weather cleared up this morning to another settlement (Narsak) where there were three families Doctor Hovey arranged to have a pair of boots made for me which we will get on our return then taking on Revolutingwar we went on to Herbert Island where we stopped at another settlement Ulegrset where Mr Rasmussen has ordered another pair of boots for me the men were all away hunting the fog set in so that we have to remain awhile at 9 pm fog clearing and we started on again wind moderate S E

Thursday

August 17

1916

we arrived at Etah at about 11 am very little
 Ice met with in the way and but a few bergs in
 sight from here there are 6 tents here besides
 the House light airs and calms went ashore
 and passed the afternoon at the House
 it is arranged that Mr. McMillan stay
 here and Mr. Small go back with us
 and he of the Party going South to a
 Halstenborg South Greenland
 in case a vessel should not come next and
 rain this afternoon

Friday

August 18

Left Etah at 2 am weather improving but soon
 came on wet again and remained rainy with snow
 and fog till we reached Herbert Island where we stopped
 awhile then came over to Narsak where we had
 taken Kvaløstingua from Peter is quite sick the
 natives at Herbert Island report picking up a piece of
 a boat painted ~~green~~ or yellow (they have no word
 to distinguish the colour apart) moderate breeze now

Saturday

August 19

we came from Narsak & Neetchileirick early this am
 but had to remain in account of fog later it cleared up
 and we came a short distance and were stopped by
 the Ice then on the turn of the tide it blocked up
 and we forced our way to Cape Parry and on
 quite a lot of Ice

North Star Bay

Sunday August 20 1916

we run till midnight then had to anchor on account of fog till about 7 am then came across the Holstenholm Sound most of the time it was quite thick fog and considerable ice we reached North Star Bay at about 11 am Peter is very sick with a high fever

Monday August 21

Generally pleasant but becoming overcast with a little rain at night all the talk now is about the Census trip south in the Launch Providing the vessel does not come before the 25th as I have understood the Launch was to be hired of Mr Rasmussen with the understanding that I should be in charge of it on the trip south But now Mr Rasmussen would rather sell the boat outright in which case Doctor Hovey can place any one in charge he pleases it was also expected that Hendrick would go as the Engineer as he has always run the Engine and is well acquainted with it this would have placed two of us in charge and wholly responsible for the trip, But the other would not bind themselves to ~~do~~ as requested, Doctor Hovey is in favor of this and would still be wishes to dictate just what I shall do and not allow me to use my own judgment Doctor Hunt is the only one who seems to be willing to trust to my judgment and experience I said put some one else in charge and I would help all I could

Tuesday August 22 1916

Very pleasant Mr. Kammussen has gone to Cape Akthut in the launch taking dogs and sleds intending to go up on the glacier and go over where he can see how ice conditions are in Melville Bay. His report will have much to do regarding our starting in the launch to go south, the fact that no vessel can get here would indicate that there must be lots of ice.

Wednesday August 23

Overcast a little rain at one time. Continued digging and find articles last evening while at the House (I still sleep in one of the Stone Igloos) taking with Doctor Hooy. I thought he tried to dominate over me and I told him he acted like a young rooster that hindered quite a bit and we finally parted by shaking hands but still it must have rankled in his mind, to day while I was digging he came over where I was and as he appeared so suddenly on me I looked up in surprise and said Hello Doctor. He replied hello the little rooster has come over to see the Big rooster then we laughed and shook hands again.

North Star Bay

Thursday August 24 1946

Overcast with strong N.E. winds a little rain

The plan of going south in the launch seems to be given up as Mr. Rasmussen and the Natives are of the opinion that Melville Bay is packed with Ice and also as Hendrick who is the Engineer declines to go on account of the risk. Plans are now being formed for the distribution of our party among the Natives to pass the winter among them while I am to return to Etah and live there with Mr. McMillan we are all to remain here till the 15th of September

Friday August 25

Moderate overcast weather the Natives are having some success in hunting Narwhals and seal in the North Shore of Whaletenhalmer Sound with the aid of the Launch

Saturday August 26

Generally overcast, it is now decided to give up the trip south (thinking about it) in the Launch. Mr. Ekblow, & Doctor Hunt will go out in the winter by dog sleds and Doctor Hanes, Mr. Small and I will go to Etah and remain

Sunday August 27

Overcast with light airs my day as Cook but find time to dig and always get something of value

Monday

August

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1916

Very pleasant Dexter Harvey is now again talking of starting off in the launch to try the trip to go south but my advice has been before starting out to send a party up on to the Ice cap to where Melville Bay can be seen and then know the conditions before making the attempt he has gone to Saunders Island on a pleasure trip with Mr. Rasmussen he is quite variable first proposing one thing then another all lack confidence in him and all wish to be free of him I am now well provided with Boots 3 pairs thanks to Mr. Rasmussen

Tuesday

August

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Very pleasant the light northerly winds causes the Ice to come in from Whalsterholm Sound that it is doubtful if the launch can return from Saunders Island (Glacial Ice) a native came over from Cape York and reports that there is no water to be seen which explains in part why no vessel has come

Wednesday

August

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Pleasant, contrary to what a person might think it is this light weather which makes the young Ice form between the large pieces no wind to keep the water in motion

Thursday

August

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Pleasant Ice is now well knit together in the Harbor the launch returned last evening to the north side of the point, washing clothes in a brook Ice along its edge

Narvik Star Bay

Friday September 1 1916

Overcast with fog and fine snow at times

I have not been feeling well and have moved back from the Native Igloo to the House have also a bad infection on one finger which affects the whole arm Doctor Hunt is very kind in fact all are so to me

Saturday Sept 2

Overcast light weather my arm is still affected by blood Poison in my finger Doctor Hunt cut the sore open this morning and has taken my place as Cook to day the talk now is that we are to return to Etah the 5th and Mr Ekblow will live here and go out in the winter with Mr. Rasmussen

Sunday Sept 3

Overcast with some snow the ground being well covered and the Harbor well frozen over all feel discouraged by the vessel not coming

Monday Sept 4

Broken clouds and fog this afternoon the Saumish returned from Saunders Island one woman taken my hand is improving several natives are getting their Igloos ready for winter one man is building a new one

Tuesday September 5th 1916

Pleasant we are now preparing to leave here for Etah & march in the Saumik Doctor Honey Mr Small and myself will remain there Mr Ekblaw will go up with us but return in the Saumik we still hope a steamer will ^{come} there is more food at Etah for us over winter Mr Ekblaw will live in one of the Igloos (Egimuar of Cape York) and Doctor Hunt will stay at Peter Mr Rasmussen will occupy the one we have had, with Hendrik

Wednesday Sept 6

we started at 9 am for Etah with all of our baggage which had to be brought across the Point by dog sleds ($\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile) we arrived at Neetahluuk at 8 pm where we left ^{our} Egimuar (Peary man) and took on Koolootinguar then continued on to Herbert Island where we stopped a few minutes and left a few boxes weather overcast with moderate winds no

ice to bother us though we had to work around in it

Thursday Sept 7

After leaving Markash (Herbert Island) had but little ice wind moderate and variable with snow squalls some times quite thick we arrived at Etah at 1 pm quite a surprise & Mr McMillan thick snow storm this afternoon no wind I am still in hope of a mail coming & take us Home

Friday September 8 1916

Pleasant the Launch has been laid ashore and put in better order by sheathing with metal this was done by Mr Small at night the Launch has started on her return trip Mr Ekblow who came up with us returned in her he forgot his rifle and the Launch had to return for it

Saturday Sept 9

Overcast moderate weather the Northerners here are preparing to on a Deer hunting trip north of here the land is now covered thinly with snow

Sunday Sept 10

Overcast moderate breeze this Place Etah is a most excellent Harbor and while there is much Ice at North Star Bay with many bergs there is no Ice and but few bergs to be seen from here Why there is more Ice in some places than in others is to be accounted for the fact that there is more fresh water coming in and as the floats above the salt water is more quickly frozen

Monday September 11 1916

Very pleasant with moderate variable winds
most of the natives here have gone off Deer hunting
we are gradually losing faith in a vessel
coming here this year but for all that we
feel safe and comfortable here with no
anxiety as to the coming winter

there are four of us and each one has a
room Mr Small is the Cook and I
help by getting the water and sweeping out the
room there are many books here to
read but just now would like more ^{clothing}

Tuesday Sept 12

Overcast strong winds from Eastward the weather
is now becoming cold between 20+ and 15+
but no ice forming in the Harbor but a little
at high water mark we get water for the House
by going up the hill side to a stream but the
brook becomes lost in the boulders as it comes
down have to break through the ice to get it
have been mending clothes

Wednesday Sept 13

Snowing with fresh breeze from the Eastward put the
large dog (boat) ashore for the winter there
are no good beaches here to land boots and
on though shallow water extends out a little
ways from the shore

Thursday September 14 1916

Generally Pleasant Mr McMillian got eleven duck and Mr Small got one seal in hunting to day I have been doing light jobs in repairing and patching up around the House for the winter the woman who is employed here about the House is known a well well and is the Daughter of Hans Hendrick a man well known having been with Portlocke Doctor Hayes and also in the Palaris and drifted south on the Ice with his family when Inuit Joe and Hennah were with Capt Teyson was carried south on the Ice with a part of the Palaris crew from up here he (Hans Hendrick) was a south Greenland native and this woman was born there but a few years ago come up here to live

Friday Sept 15

Moderate overcast Mr Small with two natives have gone to Littleton Island on a hunting trip have been putting in double windows

to day is Doctor Hoveys Birth Day he is 54 years old

Saturday September 16 1916

Moderate weather but overcast continue making repairs about the House in the absence of Mrs Small the regular Cook the Native woman attends to the Cooking she has 3 children

Sunday Sept 17

Generally Overcast with fresh breeze & E we make it a rule to do no unnecessary work on Sunday a record of temperature is kept every 4 hours except at 4 o'clock
Shall my hair cut

Monday Sept 18

Pleasant at first then becoming overcast and at night raining Mr Small returned with the two Natives they got a few Ducks and a few Rabbits walrus were numerous and much Ice around Littleton Island

Tuesday Sept 19

Partly overcast young Ice forming in the Harbor one of the Natives shot 10 Ducks
Ivan he seen drifting down by the entrance of the Harbor

Wednesday Sept 20

Strong winds from East it is quite a task to keep all the water tanks full as the walking is bad up the side of the Hill though the stream is frozen over can get water by cutting through the Ice

Thursday September 21 1916

Generally overcast with some snow moderate breeze, East it is about impossible to tell the real direction of the wind as it draws out of the Fjord down off the Ice cap. Continue fixing up the House and get the water. The Harbor is now all clear of Ice.

Friday Sept 22

Pleasant with moderate winds about North or N.E. one of the women here offered to make me a pair of Rabbit skin stockings but wished some day biscuit for pay. I asked Mr. McMillan for a box of this kind of bread as there is a large amount of it and some going to waste but declined to let me have it.

Saturday Sept 23

Partly cloudy two ducks were shot close to the House. Now the House now quite in condition for the winter getting colder.

Sunday Sept 24

Pleasant though fresh breeze the Natives have good success in catching foxes and Rabbits the foxes are mostly blue Mr. McMillan took both. Doctor Hovey picture and mine.

Monday Sept 25

overcast snow this morn there has been much ill feeling by Mr. Rasmussen people because of the Expedition trading for fox skin and after all what they have done for us Doctor Hovey continues to trade for all he can get so far the women have taken about 12 foxes.

Tuesday September 23 1916

A stormy day wind south snowing most of the time quite a little less Ice has drifted in to the Bay this is what we would like for melting as it is fresh water Ice most of it

Wednesday Sept 24

Dull weather but moderate there are 8 boxes of Fox skins (dog biscuit boxes) full which Mr McMillan has turned over to Doctor Hovey's charge we placed them up on a raised platform weighted them with stone Doctor Hovey says he will continue to trade for all he can get for the benefit of the museum this seems strange to me after so much trouble has been caused by Mr McMillan having traded for them in the passed

This has been a successful day in hunting 1 seal and 10 duck while one of the natives got a seal and Mr McMillan brought back from Bettaton Island quite a number of birds. Ducks eggs stored away last summer

Thursday Sept 28

Dull weather with some snow Mr Small got two seal and a native boy got one brought in an Iron tank to hold the Ice and water filled it with Ice as there is plenty now drifted up on the shore made several large pieces fast to the shore with wire

Friday September 29 1916

Dull weather with light winds Doctor Honey still holds to the idea that he will go south in the spring to South Greenland
No success in hunting today

Saturday Sept 30

Overcast but moderate light weather
3 seal were taken two of them by the natives
weather is quite warm today 29+ at noon

Sunday September 1 1916

A stormy day damp morn falling
Mr McMillan gave me a warm suit of
russet wair and an over shirt of his

I have the Rheumatism in my right
knee where it has been wrenched in
Ice crack year ago it makes me
limp in walking

Monday Oct 2

Moderate weather a walrus was taken on the
Ice in the Harbor I went out in the small boat
and helped to tow it in to the landing
we cut it up and then brought it in
it was hard work getting it up the steep bank
snowing at night

Tuesday October 3 1916
Stormy but clearing at night the Harbor is well covered with ice my knee is quite troublesome and makes walking difficult when I first start to walk

Wednesday Oct 4
Pleasant but is now getting colder much of the heavy ice has been blown out of the Harbor and young ice is forming my Rheumatism is perhaps a little better

Thursday Oct 5
winter now seems to have set in the sun is getting quite low the temperature at noon was 8+ I have been writing this journal copying my other journal in to this and have just caught up to night have done this so as to have this trip all in one book

Friday Oct 6
Clear weather evening ice is making over the Harbor though there is a strong breeze from N.E. have been overhauling boxes to find some instruments for Walter Harvey took 8 am 5+ 8 hr 10

Etah

Saturday October 7 1916

Overcast part of the time the Harbor is completely skinned over with young ice. Doctor Haug is now having sk get out boxes to find an instrument he can set up which will record the vibrations that may take place in the earth surface there is such an instrument here but it has never been set up Temp 8 am 10+ 8 pm 18+

Sunday Oct, 8

Overcast and snowing at night very little wind our sugar and Melan's has been gone now for some time there is some hard bread left but not much but there is plenty of dog biscuit it is composed of horse meat and coarse flour but there is plenty of other foods and we live very well Temp 8 am 8+ Temp 8 pm 11+

Monday Oct 9

Overcast about 6 inches of snow fell last night the natives (one old man and a boy) got 6 rabbits yesterday and one fox every thing goes on very nicely my Rheumatism is better but I still walk a little lame Temp 8 am 19+ 8 pm 13+

Tuesday October 10 1916

Generally pleasant moderate wind the
Natives now are able to walk on the ice safely
it is surprising how a little subject
will start an argument and often with-
out giving a man a chance to explain his
views properly some one else will start
in and all remain unconvinced but
good natured temp 8 am 7 + 8 pm 7 +

Wednesday Oct 11

Overcast with moderate breeze have done
about all that can be done to make the house
comfortable the others play cards about an
hour each evening there is a very large number
of books which add very much to our comfort
temp 8 am 1 - 8 pm 3 +

Thursday Oct 12

Overcast and snowing at night no
wind to speak of we now have dog
biscuit on the table they do not taste bad
but are bad on account of the butter
as it is here meat and butter mixed
with flour the coffee has been gone
for some time temp 8 am 6 + 8 pm 9 +

Mr Small is asking the question
what would happen if all springs of water
were stopped up all over the world

Friday October 13 1916

Breacast no wind have been fixing up my room and papering it, for Paper have been using large dajis or blotting Paper it will take a day or two more to finish it Mr Mcmillian Reemer willing to help along in any way one of the arguement & day was whether a bottle of fresh water hung down deep in through the Ice would freeze the temp of the salt water being $27^{\circ}.5 +$ (it did not freeze)

temp 8 am 15 8 pm 16

Saturday Oct 14

Partly overcast but generally Pleasant have been fixing up my room so that it is going to look and be quite Comfortable

temp 8 am 14 + 8 pm 13 +

Sunday Oct 15

Strong winds but generally Pleasant we have a graphophone from which we derive much pleasure as there is quite a large Collection of Records no doubt but the People at Home are wondering why we do not arrive and we are wondering what efforts have been made for our return and also we wonder how the Cluett made out after leaving

Parker
5 men
Buy

Thickness of Harbor Ice given
temp 8 am 2 + 8 pm 2 +

Etah

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Monday

October

16

1916

Strong winds East blowing the surface snow
 am getting my room fixed up very nicely
 and the young natives are drawing pictures
 of native life there. I put up around the
 room Temp 8 am -2° 8 pm -4°

My Rheumatism still troubles me in one knee

Tuesday

Oct

17

strong winds from the N.E. we do not
 have but little trouble to get and ice
 for melting, or quite a large amount
 of glacial ice come in on the shore before
 freezing over the Harbor

Temp 8 am -2° 8 pm -6°

Wednesday

Oct

18

Overcast with fresh winds from East
 have my room very nicely fixed up
 we still have three meals a day
 and all goes on very pleasant though
 there is often some very absurd
 arguments no subject to great and also
 none so small our two extremes
 are Doctor Hovey on one side and
 our Cook Mr. Small, who's language
 is far from the best but strong
 Temp at 8 am 1° 8 pm $1^{\circ}+$

Etah

Thursday October 19. 1916
 Overcast with easterly wind
 The natives get quite a number
 of foxes in traps most of them
 are blue ones, There Doctor Honey
 trader for, he says for the museum
 Temp 8 am -4° 8 pm -2°

Friday Oct 20
 Pleasant sleds are used now
 when the natives go to their traps
 the crows get into the traps & have
 already been taken that way it is
 surprising to me the number of
 foxes and rabbits which are taken
 of course the rabbits are hunted with
 guns they weigh about 7 lbs
 Temp 8 am -1° 8 pm $6^{\circ}+$

Saturday Oct 21
 Dull with a little snow falling
 my Rheumatism is better but I still
 limp a little there is always some
 small work to do to day have
 made an Ice chisel a soap and
 a rod to measure the Ice with
 there are so that I can take the
 thickness of the Harbor Ice each Sunday
 Temp 3 + at 8 am at 8 pm $5^{\circ}+$

Sunday October 22 1916

Variable but later very pleasant

The natives returned from their Deer hunting trip they have taken 45 in all also two Bears also about 10 Salmon Trout (they took more salmon but this is the number they brought in & us) they brought in three saddles of Deer meat carried here at about 6 pm

temp 8 am 0° 8 pm -4°

Thickness of Harbor Ice 13 inches

* Monday Oct 23

Generally Pleasant we do not see the sun now and it will be four months before we see it again Now our good weather as times for work will be when we have full moon we have to use a lantern to read the thermometer at 8 am and at 4 pm

temp 8 am -1° 8 pm $3+$

Tuesday Oct 24

Pleasant moderate to fresh breeze it is some what more pleasant now the natives are here adding more life to the place

temp at 8 am 0° 8 pm 0°

Wednesday October 25 1916
 Very pleasant, we all went up
 to the head of the Bay & the glacier
 there is a large lake between Bay
 and the glacier Mr. McMillan placed
 a line of Iron stake in line across
 the glacier this is done in order
 that any one in the future may see
 how fast the glacier moves
 while this was being done I stayed
 on the lake with most of the natives
 and fished four of good size were
 taken and two small ones the natives
 also got 4 rabbits and one partridge
 got back at 4 pm 8 sleds in all
 the thickness of the lake ice was 23 and 1/2 inches
 temp 8 am 1+ 8 pm 3.

Thursday Oct 26
 Very pleasant with fresh breeze from
 N.E. mending clothes and trying to keep
 everything in order of course my clothes
 are getting well worn out but will get
 along temp 8 am -1 8 pm 0.

Friday Oct 27
 Very pleasant light breeze Mc, McMillan
 and the Doctor went up to the glacier & work
 on the line staked across temp 8 am 0 8 pm 1+

Several
 Holmen
 taken

Etah

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Saturday October 28, 1946
 light weather but overcast the natives
 got one seal and several rabbits &
 day, yesterday they got several fish
 up at the lake (Salmen trout)
 & day I built a small snow
 house which seemed to please the natives.
 temp at 8 am 6+ 8 pm 8+

Sunday Oct 29
 Overcast with light wind and snow
 much has been said by the various
 members of the Cracker land party as to
 his selfishness and incapacity to handle
 men but so far as I can see he is
 not a lazy man to my mind as this
 was the first trip any of them had
 made they all thought they could run
 things much better if they only had charge.
 Thickness of ice in Harbor $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches
 temp 8 am 4+ 8 pm 5+

Monday Oct 30
 Overcast but clearing at night
 The natives here took many walrus
 last summer and so have plenty
 of meat in caches along the shore
 & day they went off and got loads of
 meat
 temp at 8 am 7+ 8 pm 8+

Etah

Tuesday October 31 1896
 Generally pleasant light northerly
 wind the natives got 13 Rabbits
 and two salmon trout
 Temp 8 am 2+ 8 pm 9+

Wednesday November 1
 Overcast light weather beginning to
 snow at night Mr. MacMillan finished
 up his work of placing stakes across
 the glacier and built Beens at each
 end on the land about every day the
 natives get Rabbits and foxes to stay out back
 Temp 5 am 12+ 8 pm 15-

Thursday Nov 2
 Overcast moderate weather wind
 west I have built a new house
 for a family of natives this room
 to please them and gives me protection
 all the others want me to do the same
 for them. Temp 8 am 17 Temp 8 pm 14
 one of the women here (Puerloo) is
 probably the largest woman here
 her bust measure is 44 inches
 garments off I hurt my knee
 so that it is quite painful
 Doctor Harvey has put several of the
 salmon in alcohol for preservation

Etah

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Friday November 3 1916

Overcast with snow falling all day moderate breeze from NW I have been making Envelopes as we have none made yet for Doctor Haug, before long shall have to begin writing letters & send out this winter

Temp 8 am 17 + 8 pm 17 +

Saturday Nov 4

Overcast but otherwise good weather there is always little things to be done so that there is no need of being idle there are many books here which is a great pleasure and though we should all be Home and thereby stop the anxiety about us still I can not say that we are in any way uncomfortable the only thing we are short of is sugar and mallowin there are gone a little being saved for Christmas, temp 8 am 15 + 8 pm 10 +

Sunday Nov 5

Pleasant though fresh breeze whenever the natives have cuts or sickness they come to me a native (Meyar) arrived & day from the north ^{and son} ~~thickness of the snow~~ arrived
temp 8 am 10 + 8 pm 1 +

Etah

Monday November 6 1916

Clear weather though fresh breeze from N.E. have made some heavy buttons or toggler such as used by the Natives of Hudson Bay they are used in the ends of a strap which prevents the child from slipping out and down of the Mother's coat and also allows her to breathe freely, it is an improvement on what they use here and these two women seem well pleased with the new idea (to them) on one set I carried a seal and nosehole and on the other little Auker flying and at rest temp 8 am 4 - 8 pm 5 -

Tuesday Nov 7

Overcast light weather some snow falling very little day light now The moon shows through the clouds and all the children are out playing on the ice though a light snow is falling they take as much comfort as our children do at home the conversation this evening has been mostly on who has been Elected President of the United States temp 8 am 2 + 8 pm 3 +

Etah

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Wednesday November 8 1916

Overcast with light snow falling
at night clearing but wind rising
and creating blinding drifts
we shall soon have to get our letters
ready to send south
temp 8 am 10 + 8 pm 25 +

Thursday Nov 9

Generally overcast a large amount
of snow has fallen it is said to
be the greatest amount of any one
time in the 4 winters started at noon
had some difficulty in going out to
read the thermometer at 8 am
temp 8 am 26 + 8 pm 26 +

Friday Nov 10

Overcast with light wind
As the sleds are expecting to start
about the 20th of this month I shall
have to begin writing letters home
where if all goes well will reach
there about the middle next June
temp 8 am 23 + 8 pm 19

Etah

Saturday November 11 1916
 Overcast with fresh wind and snow
 part of the time all are busy
 now writing Home

Temp 8 am 8 + 8 pm 2

Sunday Nov 12
 Pleasant weather but there is so
 much snow on the ice that traveling
 is very hard. Thickness of ice 2 1/2
 inches Temp 8 am 4 + 8 pm 3 +

Monday Nov 13
 * Pleasant the natives who came the
 other day returned to the north and
 three sleds also returned with him
 they have gone up to get things that
 they had left while Deer hunting
 Temp 8 am 2 + 8 pm 1 +

Tuesday Nov 14
 Pleasant with moderate breeze banked
 up one side of the house the sleds
 returned from the north bringing Deer
 skins and meat

Temp 8 am 1 - 8 pm 0.

Wednesday November 15 1866

Pleasant, Natives are now getting ready for the sled trip to North Star Bay I went around and drove a little at what would be called the middle of the day as there is but little light and now am writing to friends at home

temp 8 am 3 - 8 pm 10 -

Thursday Nov 16

Pleasant the natives went off and got several loads of walrus meat my clothes are getting well worn and and there is little or nothing to patch with temp 8 am - 11 8 pm - 15

Friday Nov 17

Pleasant but strong winds driving the loose snow the house is quite comfortable though the double windows frost up quite a little temp 8 am - 11 8 pm - 11

Saturday Nov 18

Strong winds driving the loose snow have helped the natives about building small snow houses these people are most expert snow house builders like the Central Natives temp 8 am - 13 8 pm - 12

Sunday November 19 1886

Generally pleasant though more driven
by strong winds. Writing letters to
send home, thickness of ice 22 1/2 inches
temp 8 am - 11° 8 pm - 9°

Monday Nov 20

Pleasant but of course too dark
see good we have had to use a
lantern for some time & read the
thermometer at noon a barrel of Pork
was brought over from Prosser Point
temp 8 am - 8° 8 pm - 9°

Tuesday Nov 21

Clear pleasant but fresh winds
it is now decided that the mail
will not go till the 23 instead of
to morrow temp 8 am - 8° 8 pm - 7°

Wednesday Nov 22

Clear and pleasant finished writing
letters have now written to my wife
Mr Newcomb Mr Ross Capt Spicer Mr Mowat
of the museum, Mr J. B. Ford Dr Ross.
Mr Balen Mr ^{Wm.} Gater Judge Barker Mr Bantlett
of New Bedford To the Advertiser
Miss Chaffee Miss Dickerson of museum
temp 8 am - 8° 8 pm - 8°

Thursday November 23 1914
 Becoming overcast the mail got
 started three sleds for north star
 Bay, the natives who are here for
 fun made an exchange of clothing the
 men with the women this of course
 created much mirth among them:
 then they drummed and sang but the
 singing consisted of all Cawm and no
 words Mr McMillan took pictures
 of them the women seemed as men and
 the men as women each group separately
 by flash light, temp 8 am - 8 8 pm - 11

Friday Nov 24
 Overcast strong wind filling the air
 with drift snow in the absence of something
 to talk of manners at the table much
 pleasure seems to be taken in telling
 their decess
 temp 8 am - 12° 8 pm - 11°

Saturday Nov 25
 Overcast even the day time
 is dark especially in this dull
 weather it seems that none of the
 women went on the sleds journey
 temp 8 am - 12° 8 pm - 7°

Sunday November 26 1916

Pleasant with fresh breeze any work now done outside requires a lantern that is to see good

the thickness of the ice was $25\frac{1}{2}$ inches
temp 8 am - 10 8 pm - 11

Monday Nov 27

Pleasant though strong wind

The natives come in and enjoy their never tiring over the picture in the Book though they have seen them many times there is a splendid Library here so that there is book of all kinds Temp 8 am - 10 8 pm - 11

Tuesday Nov 28

Pleasant our Cook Mr. Small is making quite an effort to get up some extra food for Thanksgiving day which is the 30th Temp 8 am - 11 8 pm - 10

In order to destroy the vermin in my sleeping bag I followed the custom here of hanging it up outside for a while and then had it given a good beating it was said that when the vermin got cold they lost their grip and would have to drop out after such treatment

Wednesday November 29 1916

Pleasant moderate wind from north
the water is not far distant
the last high tides having broken
in by the outer Islands 2 to 3 miles
from the House the depth of this
bay is about 4 miles and this point
is from 2 to 3 miles in
temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 14

Thursday Nov 30

Overcast with a little light snow
falling Thanksgivin day with us
and our people got up a most
excellent dinner but the House
became so smothered up with fat
spattering over the stove that it
has soiled my lungs & contrast
(seemingly) so that I had to move
out for a time
temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 7

Etah

Friday December 1 1916

Overcast with a little snow at night
Like all Thanksgiving at Home there
is food enough left over so that
extra good living continues for a
short time temp 8 am -9 8 pm -3

Saturday Dec 2

Overcast with a little snow the wind
is from the SW, and brings the temperature
up to 9+ which seems warm enough
temp 8 am 6+ 8 pm 9+

Sunday Dec 3

Light moderate weather partly
overcast the Natives brought in
from their traps 6 blue foxes
the woman who assists in keeping
the House in Order is slightly
sick and unable to work
she has three children the youngest
8 months old and the next older
about 3 years both nursing.
thickener of the Ice 29 1/2 inches
temp 8 am 5+ 8 pm 2+

Monday December 4, 1916

Dull with light snow it seems
to have fallen to me & Doctor the
natives in case of cuts or sores
Temp 8 am 7+ 8 pm 11+

Tuesday Dec 5

Very pleasant though the
snow has drifted a little

I have now began working
on Leary the moon light
makes it seem quite pleasant
Temp 8 am 3+ 8 pm 3+

Wednesday Dec 6

Very pleasant with moderate breeze
from North end North East

to show how little a thing will
start up a disturbance over Mr.
Small who is very assertive in his
statements said that the difference
between corned Beef and Salt Beef
was that corn beef was put in
brine while Salt Beef put up to
keep was packed with dry salt
and made its own brine this he made
Doctor Haney believe was the case and
I kept out of the argument over
Doctor Haney asked me about something (Row)
and in a pleasant way said ask the Cook

Temp 8 am

2+

8 pm

2+

Mail from Etah

Thursday ^{Home} December 7 1916

Very Pleasant Three sleds came up from the South one of them brought word that the Danish Steamer Denmark arrived at North Star Bay Sept 24 and is now wintering there she has been chartered by the Museum to take the Crocker Land Party to St John N. F. she has been 7 weeks in the ice unable to reach North Star Bay in time to come up here though it is said she made effort to do so it is said that she has but little coal

the sled also brought up some mail for us I had two letters from Home one from my wife and one from Mr F.S. Newcomb
Temp 8 am - 3 8 pm 8 +

Friday Dec 8

Very Pleasant Two of the sleds returned today they were two of our sleds who went away with the mail there only going half way as more

we are looking forward to the day when the Run will start to return North
Temp 8 am - 8 8 pm - 2

Saturday December 9 1916

Very Pleasant it is now planned
by the natives (some of them) to go down
to North Star Bay and trade and also
see the level I am sending down
to the station for some useful articles
such as clothing and things to pay the
natives for work which they may do
temp 8 am - 8 8 pm - 6

Sunday Dec 10

Very Pleasant Several of the
natives started off to go to North
Star Bay to see the level and
trade thickness of the ice 32 inches
temp 8 am - 6 8 pm - 9

Monday Dec 11

Strong wind with drifting surface
snow otherwise clear overhead
I am working on Ivory but do not
accomplish but little as I take much
pleasure caring for a child which is
9 month old the mother does work
about the house and has two other
children and it is quite a help to
her this woman height is 4 feet 4 ^{inches}/₄
and weighs 96 ^{lb} about 35 years old and has 3 children
temp -16 at 8 am 8 pm - 14

Tuesday December 12 1916

Pleasant though fresh breeze which keeps the snow drifting most all the while we get out of the glacier

temp 8 am - 18 8 pm - 21

Wednesday Dec 13

Pleasant at first but becoming overcast with strong winds. The natives have continued to catch Foxes and altogether have taken about 100

temp 8 am - 18 8 pm - 10

Thursday Dec 14

Very stormy a driving snow storm nothing can be done out ~~side~~ but go back at the thermometer

temp 8 am - 10 8 pm - 13

Friday Dec 15

A stormy day but moderating at night my weight to day is 216

temp 8 am - 8 8 pm - 2

Saturday Dec 16

weather clearing the days are short but the nights are long, still the time passes away rapidly

temp 8 am 10+ 8 pm 10+

Sunday December 17 1916

Overcast with a little snow falling
moderate breeze from S E
thickness of Haslam Ice $35\frac{1}{2}$ inches
No work is done on weekends or
playing cards though week day
nights the Doctor McMillen and
Jot the Cook play regularly
Poker temp 8 am 8 + 8 pm 5 +

Monday Dec 18

Pleasant the days are quite
dark now as the moon has declined
taking the temperatures and getting
the Ice are all the actual work
that has to be done outside

temp 8 am - 5 8 pm - 3

Tuesday Dec 19

Pleasant our Cook a Provenchown
man is not at all clean has never
been around much but is quite a
hand to enlarge on what he has done and
seen he washed his hands and face
for the first time yesterday since we
have been here blows his nose with
his fingers this morning he was sprinkling
bed bug powder down his shirt collar
to kill the lice on his body
temp 8 am - 0 8 pm - 5

Wednesday December 20 1916

Pleasant the two sleds returned from North Star which left here the 24 of last month they brought up some prawnen such as flour and sugar and other small stores. I had a note from Dr Hecub and Mr Eskblaw they are still at the seal but expect to start south and go out on the first steamer in the spring for Danmark
temp 8 am - 4 8 pm - 8

Thursday Dec 21

Pleasant among the things that were sent up, was some chocolate and cigars Mr. McMillan gave me a cake of the chocolate and two dozen cigars temp 8 am - 13 8 pm - 19

Friday Dec 22

Pleasant to day the men start to return and this to us is quite an item as we can think that the days will become lighter instead of darker

temp 8 am - 24 8 pm - 26

Saturday December 23 1966

Pleasant fresh breeze which keeps the air quite full of drift snow there is hardly any time but what there is a strong breeze my regular routine is get up before eight sweep up the room and get the temperature at 8 am the thermometer is kept about 50 feet away from the house we have breakfast at 9 and supper at 3.30 pm then there is a lunch if wanted at night or evening during the day time I work on Ivory and get the temp at noon 4 pm and 8 pm then Mr McMullen get it at midnight Saturday I help the woman to work the floor
temp 8 am - 27 8 pm - 31

Sunday Dec 24

Pleasant so far the coldest day and also the we can cannot it as our darkest Sunday this to me is something as each Sunday I have to cut through the ice and measure its thickness after this it will be more light now I have to use a lantern
Ice 38 inches temp 8 am - 33 8 pm - 31

Etah

Monday, December 25 1916

Pleasant at breakfast Doctor
 Henry presented each of us with
 a \$2.50 gold piece we had a
 most excellent dinner and a
 package of chocolate was given
 to each by Mr Mcmillian
 this evening Mr Mcmillian gave
 me half a dozen pieces of jewelry
 to use as trade

this evening various kinds of games
 are being passed on in the living
 room Temp 8 am - 31 8 pm - 30

Tuesday Dec 26

Overcast with a light snow
 Temp 8 am - 24 8 pm - 22

Wednesday Dec 27

Pleasant there is no work as
 traveling with sleds at present
 but when the moon light comes then
 the visiting and work goes on
 Temp 8 am - 27 8 pm - 27

Thursday December 28 1916

Pleasant Mr McMillan is having
a pair of deer skin pants made
for me as I left the pair that
I had on the shirt to be sent
Home in my chest
my underclothing is very thin as
it has been in constant use since
leaving Home

temp 8 am - 25 8 pm - 29

Friday Dec 29

Pleasant the moon has now
returned so that we shall have
a little light and then when that
is gone again there will be some
light reflected from the sun.

The House is rather cold and
the air we breathe is very bad
so much so that the lights will
not burn good at times then
there is much smoke from the stove
and burning grease this affects
my breathing and seems to

Constrict my lungs

temp 8 am - 30 8 pm - 27

Saturday December 30 1916
 Pleasant the smoke and bad
 air in the house is too much
 for my lungs and has made
 me feel quite sick & day
 have had to take out one of
 the double windows in my room
 the outer one being broken let
 in some fresh air
 temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 15

Sunday Dec 31
 Pleasant to day there has been
 but little smoke and foul air
 in the house so that I have felt
 quite well the Kerp skins which
 have been traded for are being
 divided that is all are kept
 that are wanted and the rejects
 are to be sent down to the
 station this will be but little
 and no doubt will be disappointing
 to them there is an unpleasant
 feeling towards the expedition
 held by the fairish people
 who have lost much money
 in trade by its going to the expedition
 temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 17
 thickness of ice 40 and 42 inches

To 1916 Good day
 Some Pleasant Some Disappointment
 Some Success

Monday January 1 1912

Pleasant generally good feeling
among us all as we are looking
forward to our return Home this
coming summer now that we have
the moon its makes the weather seem
more pleasant

Temp 8 am - 18 - 8 pm - 19

Tuesday Jan 2

Pleasant most of the natives
who went to North Star Bay leaving
here the 10th of last month returned
last night Captain Hansen and Peter
sent up New Year greetings to us

Temp 8 am - 12 - 8 pm - 14

It is reported that Mr Ekblaw
and Doctor Hunt got away for
South Greenland and Home

Mr Rasmussen went with them
also the two Eginwara natives
that was the 18 of December

Etah

Wednesday January 3 1907

Pleasant Several sleds have
gone south two are to go on to
North Star Bay taking a few fox
skins (less than 50) to be turned
over to the trading station there
they will bring back some of
the Provision which is in the
vessel for our party

sent a note to Mr. Morton P.
Porsild ^{of Pingo} thanking him for a
book which he has published on
Esquimo Culture of West Greenland

temp 8 am - 17 8 pm - 20

Thursday Jan 4

Pleasant The natives here
even at this time of year
and darkness catch Rabbits in
snare last night 3 were taken

temp 8 am - 11 8 pm - 9

Friday Jan 5

Pleasant my time is mostly
spent working & ivory carving

temp - 15 at 8 am 8 pm - 18

Saturday January 6 1957
 Overcast but otherwise pleasant
 time is passing very quickly
 temp 8 am - 18 8 pm - 18

Sunday Jan 7
 Becoming overcast with a little snow
 calm weather
 thickness of 9 45 inches
 temp 8 am - 10 8 pm - 9

Monday Jan 8
 Pleasant the natives say there
 was an eclipse of the moon this
 morning at about 2 am
 this we would not have known
 had they not seen it
 we still have a few frozen
 Duck Eggs which were collected
 last season
 temp 8 am - 13 8 pm - 4

Tuesday Jan 9
 Pleasant our regular
 routine is breakfast at 9 am
 supper at 3 pm and tea at
 8 pm if wanted but no table
 set I take the temperatures except
 at midnight temp 8 am - 12 8 pm - 11

Etah

Wednesday January 10 1917
 Generally pleasant moderate weather
 temp 8 am 6 8 pm - 2

Thursday Jan 11
 Overcast six sleds came up
 from the northward one of them
 brought up the grade (part)
 which I had written to the station
 for the bill amounted \$20.00
 which of course is a very extravagant
 price two under shirts at \$5.00 each
 but I needed them

temp 8 am 0° 8 pm 0°
 Mr Ekblaw and Dr Hunt got away
 on the 18 of Dec and the station
 agent was intending to leave the
 19 of this month also to go to South
 Greenland it is reported that
 there was a steamer beached up
 the coast last summer and there
 was also a sailing vessel seen
 going south in October off Apunivik
 the steamer was reported to have
 told the natives she was beached at
 Cape York have not felt very
 well to day (a kroner is about 27 cts)
 (as to my bill from the station it was
 20 kroner and not \$20.00 but \$5.50)

Friday January 12 1907
Pleasant though fresh breeze
from East am feeling a little
better & day the foul air and
smoke is so much for me
temp 8 am - 6 8 pm - 12

Saturday Jan 13
Pleasant but strong Easterly winds
we can see that the day times are
getting lighter a ^{Boy} child was born
here & day the mother is
Dorsey's sister (Peary's son)
I was called in an Doctor all
doing well especially the Father
temp 8 am - 9 8 pm 0°

Sunday Jan 14
At first generally pleasant
but becoming overcast and snowing
at night the mother and child
doing well, ^{9 am} washing clothes & day
my overcoats are so well
worn out that it is difficult
to put them on or off with out
tearing them
temp 8 am 2+ 8 pm 13+
Thickness of Ice 48 inches

Etah

Monday January 15 1917
 Partly Cloudy a little snow
 the woman who had a child born
 the 13th brought it in to the House
 to day to show it us.
 it has seemed uncomfortable warm
 to me to day
 temp 8 am 1+ 8 pm 2+

Tuesday Jan 16
 Generally pleasant though strong
 wind and drifting snow though for
 this country not bad weather
 some of the natives are getting
 ready to go on a trip hunting
 towards North Star Bay
 temp 8 am - 2 8 pm 8

Wednesday Jan 17
 Pleasant though strong wind from
 North I am now at work on a
 cribbage board using a walrus
 tusk the natives make some
 ivory carvings for me
 temp 8 am 11- 8 pm 17

The Native young man who is
 employed here (Peary son Saamey)
 brought up a woman as his wife

This adds one
 more to our family

Thursday January 18 1917

A stormy day wind NE and strong with snow there is a real independence among the natives (some of them) this I think is due to there not having been employed by different white people, It has been generally understood that all of Greenland belonged to Denmark but this is not till lately our last mail told us that Denmark has now claimed it all

Temp 8 am - 18

8 pm - 18

Friday Jan 19

Generally clear and though fresh breeze the natives are busy room for a work shop as I work making carvings and that seems to make them willing to make things

Temp 8 am - 13

8 pm 11

Saturday Jan 20

Overcast moderate breeze

The natives catch a few Rabbits in moirs

Temp 8 am - 11

8 pm - 3

Etah

Sunday January 21 1817
 Variable clear at times and
 also cloudy with snow during
 middle of day, strong breeze
 about all the wind we get are
 from off the land (Glacier)
 temp 8 am - 6 8 pm - 4
 Thickness of Ice 50 inches

Monday Jan 22
 Generally clearant the light is
 increasing but it will be some
 time yet before we can read
 the thermometer at noon with
 out a lantern
 temp at 8 am - 8 8 pm 3+

Tuesday Jan 23
 Moderate snow storm from the
 west
 temp 8 am 11+ 8 pm 9+

Wednesday Jan 24
 Generally stormy this warm
 weather has caused the Ice which
 has formed under the Papineau to
 melt and made it uncomfortable by
 dripping also uncomfortable for sleeping
 temp 8 am 2+ 8 pm - 2

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Thursday January 29 1917
 Cloudy weather fresh breeze at
 times rebuilt our new house
 from what I have seen of these
 natives they are very poor at building
 new houses and I believe I can
 build a better new house than
 they can that is much water
 Temp 5+ 8 am at 8 pm 8+

Friday Jan 30
 Overcast fresh breezes clearing at
 night the open water is at the
 entrance to the harbor and when
 there is any breeze blowing on
 (out there) we hear the waves
 pounding on the ice
 Temp 8 am 8+ Temp 8 pm 5+

Saturday Jan 31
 Pleasant the ice has broken in
 quite a little at the entrance of
 the harbor the natives in order
 to get walrus meat which they haul
 to the harthard in caches have to
 go over the glacier one native
 got 2 rabbits to day with his gun
 this shows how light it is getting
 Temp 8 am 14+ 8 pm 12+

Etah

Sunday January 28 1917
 overcast here for part of the time
 have made new calendar for next
 month. three rabbits were shot today
 temp 8 am 11+ 8 pm 20+
 The natives report seeing wolf tracks
 thickness of sea ice 5 1/2 inches

Monday Jan 29
 overcast but rather more pleasant
 now that we are in the far north I
 find reading the voyage of the Polaris
 especially interesting as it was in
 these latitudes that they had their
 troubles. temp at 8 am 15+ 8 pm 10+

Tuesday Jan 30
 Generally pleasant with strong breeze
 from N.E. though it is uncertain here
 at the house as to the true direction
 of the wind so that the weather
 report will in this respect have
 no value temp 8 am 0° 8 pm 5°

Wednesday Jan 31
 temp 8 am 5° 8 pm -4°
 Pleasant though strong breeze
 from north now drifting the sky shows
 a sorry hue this afternoon the natives
 are unable to go south as shore ice is gone

Thursday February 1 1917

Very pleasant with moderate breeze from North there are a number of natives here who wish to go to the north hunting and visiting and are anxious to have very cold weather so that the ice will form again along the shore of the coast

temp 8 am $1^{\circ}+$ 8 pm -3°

Friday Feb 2

Very pleasant moderate breeze from north the natives go off hunting rabbit with some success a wolf was seen

temp 8 am 0° 8 pm 0°

Saturday Feb 3

Very pleasant fresh breeze N.E.

The snow was taken away from the front windows which lets in more light but they frost up quite thick so that it is not altogether for the best I will keep my windows covered with a bank of snow

temp 8 am -4° 8 pm -6°

The expedition is well fitted out with many books so that a person has a good opportunity to study and become better acquainted with writers

and their subjects

Etah

Sunday February 4 1912
 Pleasant though very strong wind
 from East the Ice is breaking
 quite well into the Harbor entrance
 the natives are very anxious to
 go to the South and it looks as
 though they would have to take to
 the Ice Cap thickness of Ice 5 1/2 inches
 temp 8 am - 10 8 pm - 3

Monday Feb 5
 Pleasant but becoming overcast
 moderate breeze N & some sleds
 have gone off after walrus
 meat had to go over the Ice Cap
 the Ice keeps breaking quite well
 in to the Harbor natives say
 this has not happened before in
 their memory indicates much
 open water to cause a rough sea
 temp 8 am - 8 8 pm 14
 to day I was able to read
 the thermometer with out the aid of
 the lantern though I took one
 this was at noon reading

Tuesday February 6 1917
 Generally pleasant The Reds returned
 with their loads of walrus meat
 which they have stored this side
 of Cape Alexander last summer
 their people took about 60 walrus
 so there is plenty to eat but
 of course they get tired of it as
 a steady diet
 temp 8 am -1 8 pm -11

Wednesday Feb 7
 Pleasant though they breeze small
 stones being blown down the tatus
 back of the House one of them came
 through the double windows the snow
 being quite deep there
 this cold spell is pleasing to
 the Natives who wish to go
 north
 temp 8 am -14 8 pm -18

Thursday Feb 8
 Pleasant but strong winds N.E.
 the Ice continues to break at the
 outer edge of the Harbor the water
 shows well in by the Islands
 which former Haager winter
 quarters temp 8 am -18 8 pm -14

Friday February 9 1917

Pleasant a number of the natives
(5 sleds) started south first going
up the head of the Bay in order to
get up on to the ice cap
have made a lamp chimney out
of a bottle temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 12

Saturday Feb 10

Becoming overcast with a little
snow falling light wind west
a seal was shot by one of the
natives (Oudie) he then came to the
house and got a kick took that
ant and got the seal three Rabbits
were taken also where there is so
little land free from ice it seems
strange there should be so many
Rabbits and foxes

temp 8 am - 4 8 pm 3+

Sunday Feb 11

Stormy wind strong from N.E. causing
a heavy drift one of the jobs I
have is to keep the ice properly
graded and after here the natives
help me Doctor Harey Developing all
his plates (Photographic) every up much ice
thickness of Harbor ice 54 inches temp 8 am - 15
" 8 pm - 17

Monday February 12 1917

Clear weather but strong winds N.E.
causing a blinding drift at times
temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 11

Tuesday Feb 13

Pleasant though overcast the
natives got 4 seal in the outer part
of the Harbor which is clear of ice
the days are now quite light, one
of the women who was out some time
got her feet so cold on the numb
I let her put them on very bare
stomach and throw them out this
is native style

temp 8 am - 4 8 pm - 4

Wednesday Feb 14

Generally pleasant the water is again
being covered with young ice which
it is hoped will form strong enough
so that the natives can travel along the
shore

temp 8 am - 11 8 pm - 12

Etah

Thursday February 15 1917

Clear weather but strong winds most of the time from NE
 one of the natives Panek has
 has gone up to Noatak perhaps
 about 30 miles north of here to get
 seal. Doctor Harey is showing
 a city transfer ticket the cook
 asked him for it for a moment
 & show the natives how it was
 used in New York in traveling
 the cook in explaining its way
 of use tore off part of it
 this provoked the Doctor and
 brought to the surface plainly
 one of his characteristic (penurious)
 temp 8 am - 17 8 pm - 18

Friday Feb 16

Generally pleasant though varied
 the natives got 5 rabbits
 all the water about the store froze
 over ^{last night} and still it does not seem
 uncomfortable.

temp 8 am - 17 8 pm 17

the young ice which formed over
 the outer part of the harbor
 has gone out

Saturday February 17 1917

Pleasant with moderate breeze from north two sleds which went ~~the day before~~ to Cape Alexander to get walrus meat returned to day they went and came by the young ice

The sun is supposed now to be above the horizon but it will be several days before we can see it on account of the land to the south of us. temp at 8 am - 11 8 pm - 12

Sunday Feb 18

Strong wind and becoming overcast. no work done Sunday but of course the natives go ahead as they have no Sunday no pretense of religion but get along peacefully and have very little trouble, at least that of the white man can see. thickness of sea ice 8 1/2 ^{inches} temp 8 am - 11 8 pm - 14

Monday Feb 19

Strong wind with snow clearing at night when the natives have any cuts or ailments they come to me to day. I have done up three cut fingers and one yesterday temp 8 am - 8 8 pm - 5

Etah

x Tuesday February 20 1917
 Generally clearout though strong
 winds the Harbor Ice is breaking
 in more the young Ice maker and goer
 up was able to read the thermometer
 at 4 pm with out the aid of a lantern
 temp at 8 am -5 8 pm 1+
 my weight is now 217 lbs

Wednesday Feb 21
 Overcast with strong breeze from
 East the Ice in the Harbor is still
 breaking off took two snap shot
 Pictures of the Harbor showing the
 water well in, from in front of
 the House
 temp 8 am 1+ 8 pm -1

Thursday Feb 22
 snow storm all day wind fresh
 from SW about all the natives
 who are here intend to go to the
 Southard walrus hunting as
 soon as the weather permits
 temp 8 am 3+ 8 pm 10+

Friday February 23 1897
 Snowing lightly all day wind S.W.
 to S.W. one of the natives took a
 seal, got a seal by watching at
 a seal hole this man a most
 exultant man was with Doctor Cook
 Temp 8 am 4+ 8 pm 0

Saturday Feb 24
 Overcast during day but clearing off
 at night the westerly winds brought
 in some young ice this has knit to the
 shore so that the natives think they can
 follow the shore to morrow and go south
 to where they can meet other natives
 and hunt walrus. Some of them
 will also go to North Star Bay to trade
 and visit Temp 8 am 4 8 pm -4
 a few days ago one of the natives
 broke a drill which I had let him
 take I think he was afraid to come back
 and tell me but to make peace he
 immediately made a small bear out
 of ivory and sent to me to day a
 young man broke a file and he
 went out and got a part of walrus
 Turk and gave me they seem to
 want to make some present for the
 damage they have done

Etah.

Sunday February 25 1917
 Pleasant weather. The natives
 started off going by way of the
 shore ice and ice front as the weather
 is light and getting colder no doubt
 they can continue on with out having
 to cross over the ice cap at Cape
 Alexander. I sent a letter to Mr.
 Rasmussen. Two of the men will
 return soon as they have left their
 wives here (Sammy ^{Peggy's son} and his brother
 in law).
 thickness of ice 58 inches
 temp 8 am - 6 8 pm - 11
 Saw the sun to day for the first
 time this year

Monday Feb 26
 Strong winds ^{East} causing a thick drift
 saw the sun again, from the house
 we are not able to see it till
 between one and two P.M. on account
 of the hills south of us
 temp 8 am - 12 8 pm - 15
 am now able to read the thermometer
 at 8 am with out a lantern
 this is partly because they are in a
 lattice framed box and of course
 in the dark

Tuesday February 27 1917

Pleasant with quite a breeze coming some drift Samuey and his friend returned they say the natives are still near Cape Alexander and will remain there a few days so as to feed the dogs as there is plenty of walrus meat there Cashed this will fit the dogs up for their trip South

My lamp chimney is a pickle bottle with the bottom broken out it is cracked in to a number of pieces but held together by strips of Court Plaster
temp 8 am - 22 8 pm - 19

Wednesday Feb 28

Very pleasant light north wind two of the sleds came up from Cape Alexander with some dog meat to trade then went back as Cape Alexander is only 11 miles south of us and they have houses this side of the

temp 8 am - 18 8 pm - 20

we are now getting much light but still have to use lamps during the day in the house made the calendar for march this I do each month

Thursday March 1 1917
 strong gale from N.E. causing
 a heavy drift Mr MacMillan had
 intended to have taken a load
 of stores (to be used on a future
 trip) to Polaris harbor a short
 distance north of here and had our
 breakfast early but too stormy to
 start out this evening had one
 of the most interesting talks on
 various subjects that we have
 had since we have been here
 as I was referred to for an opinion
 I remarked that I labored under
 the disadvantage of not knowing
 or much as people seemed to
 think I did then our cook
 spoke up and said it was the
 other way with him as he thought
 he knew more then people gave
 him credit for knowing

Temp. 8 am - 21 8 pm - 15

Friday March 2
 Weather improving quite Pleasant
 Two rabbits were shot by the natives
 the two young men who are here
 Temp 8 am - 18 8 pm - 19
 am losing interest in Carving Ivory

Saturday ~~March~~ 3 1917

Very pleasant with light NE winds
renewed our coal supply by bringing
about a ton and a half from Pearson
Point (where all stores were landed from
the vessel) using a dog team and boxes
temp 8 am - 21 8 pm - 21

Sunday ~~March~~ 4

Generally pleasant though during the
middle of the day there was a little
snow with N & wind light breeze
took a load of provisions up to
Polaris Harbor (where she was wrecked)
and returned at 5 pm

Doctor Hawley prepared the health
of our new President Mr. Hugen
as we four are all Republicans
it was a war drunk with pleasure
of course we hope that he was
elected the liquor was made by
stewing dried apples.

temp 8 am - 19 8 pm - 15

thickness of Ice 60 and 7/8 inches

Monday March 5th 1917

Pleasant with moderate N.E. wind
 9 sleds arrived from North Star Bay
 bringing up some provisions from
 there for Mr McMillan a Doctor
 Wolff (Tharild Wolff) he is a
 geologist and Botanist and is one
 of the men who is to go with Mr
 Rasmussen a little later on a trip
 to the northern part of Greenland

I had a letter from Mr Rasmussen
 and one from Peter Freuchen
 Mr Rasmussen is now at North Star
 Bay while Mr Freuchen is on his
 trip to Upernivik

The party have been 11 days on
 their journey up here

This Mr. Wolff is a very interest-
 ing man a native of Sweden
 and speaks English well

temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 10

The last two³ days they have had
 to travel over the ice cap as
 the ice along the shore is gone
 from here to about 35 miles south
 of here

Tuesday March 6 1917

Pleasant with moderate breeze
N.E. and East Doctor Wolff and his party
are now planning to leave to Moscow
starting on their ^{return} trip Mr Rasmussen
will endeavor to be up here by
the last of this month to begin the
Northern trip

Took the snow away from one of
the windows and then flooded the
room with light but the windows
will frost up thick
temp 8 am - 13 8 pm - 13

It is now told that the young woman
that Barney (Pearcy son) brought up
on his return from North Star Bay
was the wife of another chap who
happened to be away from home had
he been home he could not have
taken the woman as the husband
is said to be a stronger man

This shows up a custom from
the main land where in if a man
is stronger than another he might
if he choose take the weaker one's
wife

now that he has her he seems
to be dissatisfied with her

Etah

Wednesday March 7 1917

Generally pleasant but becoming overcast at night Doctor Wolff and his party started on their return to North Star Bay he felt that he should get back as soon as he could as they hope to reach here again by the first of April on an explorative trip. The sleds took down with them some provisions and oil for Doctor Harey who intends to leave here in about two weeks in an endeavor to reach South Greenland and then on to Denmark and thence Home.

it is possible he may not get much beyond North Star Bay.

Temp 8 am - 12 8 pm - 9
Mr McMillan sent up two loads of stores to Palaris Harbor to be used on his trip over to the western land. He also intends to leave here the latter part of this month.

Etah

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Thursday March 8 1917

Pleasant though hazy the three natives who are here went down near Cape Alexander and brought up loads of walrus meat
no occasion for a light now during the middle of the day in the house my room is quite light
temp 8 am - 7 8 pm - 9

Friday March 9

Strong wind from NE and overcast
the argument this afternoon was that I thought that an Ice Boat could under certain conditions go at a speed faster than the wind which would be blowing at the time but Doctor Haver said it was not possible the Cook (fat) almost got mad as he thought as I did the Doctor said that he thought and it seemed reasonable to him he said that a vessel would go faster before the wind providing all her sail could be made to draw then in any other direction in moderate breeze
temp 8 am - 7 8 pm - 2

Etah

Saturday March 10 1917

Overcast and snowing with moderate breeze from the westward. There is a cold dampness about the House which makes it seem colder than in the middle of the winter and then again my clothes are very much warm and wet.

Temp 8 am 0° 8 pm 2°+

Sunday March 11

Overcast with moderate breeze from NW. The natives continue to get rabbits 4 taken today.

Our Eskimo took a trip off and I act as Cook when he goes away.

Thickness of Ice 61 inches.

Temp 8 am - 2° 8 pm - 6°

Monday March 12

Overcast. Part of the time and snowing at night. One rabbit taken.

My lamp chimney fell all to pieces. It was made from a bottle.

am now using a lantern which belongs to one of the natives.

Temp 8 am - 12° 8 pm - 7°

Tuesday March 13 1917

Dull weather moderate wind NE
clearing at night Doctor Harvey is
preparing for his trip Southward
and Mr. McMillan for his trip
across to Colman land

Temp 8 am - 12 8 pm - 14

Wednesday March 14

Generally pleasant moderate breeze
NE two sleds have gone to the
Southward to get a couple of Natives
to return here and prepare to
take Doctor Harvey to North Star
Bay from there he will have
other Natives take him across
Melville Bay he hopes to
have here the 20th of this
month the Native Sarney is
not feeling well so could not go
with the others

Temp 8 am - 17 8 pm - 25

Etah

Thursday March 15 1907

Strong winds from N.E. to East causing quite a drift of loose snow

Mr McMillan gave me a knit blouse as my clothes are not warm and the cold dampness makes cold in the house seem worse than a dry cold and as I take the temperature and get the ice I have occasion to be out some and also cut through the ice sundays & measure the thickness
Temp 8 am - 28 8 pm - 28

This cold spell is looked upon with favor as it will make better traveling by sleds along the shore and not compell the sleds to be drawn over the glacier in order to get by points of land

Friday March 16

Strong winds from East now drifting with clear sky the frost makes on the nail heads and of course the window (double) are covered with a heavy frost
Temp 8 am - 22 8 pm - 21

Saturday March 17 1917
 Strong winds East and N.E.

concurrent part of the time several sleds arrived here from the south at 7:30^{pm} part of them are those who have been here all the winter and went away lately.

Temp at 8 am - 22 8 pm 25

Sunday March 18

Overcast with light winds from south and light snow

have written a letter to send to my wife when Doctor Harvey starts on his trip which will probably be soon. Thickness of Ice 64 1/2 inches

Temp 8 am - 19 8 pm - 10

Monday March 19

A stormy day that is a thick drift from N.E. & N.W. as bad as it was the Southern natives started off with the loads of stores and provisions which Doctor Harvey has taken for his trip across Melville Bay more natives are expected up this week to take the Doctor and remaining goods.

Temp 8 am - 16 8 pm - 16

Etah

Tuesday March 20 1917
 strong winds at times with heavy
 drift later becoming calm and
 no snow falling but still overcast
 temp 8 am - 2 8 pm - 8
 the natives make a large heat
 and put in much old dried grass
 even at this time of year they can
 get plenty of this old grass and two
 back loads were got to day

Wednesday March 21
 overcast with light snow falling
 both Doctor Harvey and Mr Macmillan
 are about ready to go each on
 their journey, ^{all} waiting for the natives
 sleds which have been sent for
 temperature at 8 am - 7 8 pm 3 +
 made up to read the thermometer
 with out the aid of a lantern at 8 pm

Thursday March 22
 Dull weather light winds and snow
 at night more fog than now
 temp 8 am - 9 8 pm - 14
 have done quite a working to day
 and as I washed my blouse or
 jumper I have had to go with out
 and have a little cold

Friday March 23 1917

Dull weather with light winds
from S.E. four sleds arrived from
the southward two of them are to
take Doctor Hareys goods and himself
to North Star Bay they came last night
one of the Natives here came in my
room last night and seeing I had
no Tobacco he sent out to his Igloo
and had enough brought in to fill
the pipe twice

Mr. McMillan looks out for the
welfare of a few favored natives
then he does for the white men
who are with him this is apt to
be a fault with some placed
in charge who become infatuated
with some of the natives

this no doubt was one of the
Principal causes of his losing
the respect of his men
Temp 8 am - 17 8 pm 14

Etah Doctor Henry
starts on trip South

Saturday March 24 1917

Dull weather with light wind at first from N.E. Doctor Henry got away at noon there were three sleds he has looked forward to his going South and making the trip home and though we have all discouraged his making the journey he has insisted on going now that he is gone I feel it more strongly that he should not have done so especially as no good could come from it to the Museum and we should all feel that he should not have made the attempt for it puts us all in a position where we all feel responsible for his safety. The weather is getting worse at night I sent a letter by him to be forwarded to my wife he has also left several with me also one which gives Direction in case of his death.

Mr MacMillan did not get away but expect to tomorrow he wishes me to be in charge here while he is away. The temp was -11 when Dr. Henry left.

Temp 8 am -13 8 pm -15

Panec. Par and his son Kar. Ka. cheer. returned from Nor on tock have been over to Cape Sabine got 3 bear

Etah, Mr MacMillan

Starts for western land

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Sunday march 25 1917

Very pleasant with light N.E. wind
Mr MacMillan got away with four
sleds for his trip in the western
lands had to return twice for
things forgotten and a third time
the dogs run away with him
and came back not being able
to stop them he with his party
expect to be about about two
months he wishes me to be in
charge of this station while he
is gone and left directions as
to what he would like to have
done two sleds came up from
the south last night they report
having passed Doctor Harey south
of Cape Alexander going well with
his party

thickness of ice 65 inches

temp 8 am - 17 8 pm - 18

endeavored to take pictures of
Mr MacMillan's party when
leaving

our Cook got a touch
of rheumatism in right arm
which troubles him

Etah

Monday March 26 1917
 Generally pleasant though at times
 quite drift Monday is now
 especially my busy day now
 since Doctor Harley went I have
 the care of the Seismograph
 then from Mr. MacMillan I took
 over the care of two Chronometer
 and two Thermograph and one
 Barograph then with my own
 work of the Temperatures every
 4 hours (except at 4 am)

Mr Small and Cook is much
 improved (not in cleanliness) out
 of his rheumatism

our Party living here now
 consists of Mr Small and myself
 then Barney and his wife
 (they eat in the house) then there
 the wives of the three men
 who have gone with Mr MacMillan
 who have their food given them
 by Mr MacMillan before he left
 the names of these men who
 went are Ak Kio, Et Tooker, and
 and Ak Jial & so on and such,
 the last name sounds & may like
 Nick Puttischewar
 sleep 8 am - 21 8 pm 22

Tuesday March 27 1914
 Generally pleasant moderate breeze
 from NW our Cook is now quite
 himself again but the four native
 women are suffering with colds in
 the head two men who came up
 from the South three days ago had
 colds and it is possible that our
 people got it from them these men
 went away yesterday to the north
 Bear hunting, they may go across
 Temp 8 am - 20 8 pm - 14
 the two native men got 4 rabbits 8
 day and yesterday they got one

Wednesday March 28
 Dull weather with moderate breeze
 from west
 Temp 8 am - 14 8 pm - 10

Thursday March 29
 Stormy wind N.W. with snow at
 night clearing the various things to
 do now keep me occupied much of
 the time and then remain up
 till midnight to get the readings
 of temperatures
 the native women are getting better of
 their colds Temp 8 am - 2 8 pm - 9

Friday March 30 1917

The weather has cleared off and is very pleasant wind hauling from south to west and is now north moderate the two men are off rabbit hunting temp 8 am - 8 noon - 2 8 pm - 12 later the men returned with three Rabbits

Saturday March 31

A stormy day snow and thick drift with strong winds from NE and north though it is uncertain at this place to tell the true direction of the winds

there has been much coal gas in the house today and has been bad or hard for me to breathe easy

temp 8 am - 4 8 pm - 2

April 1 Sunday 1917
A new month begins and time
goes on quite quickly.

The weather has improved
but still overcast though the
women and ^{the 2} children have had
provisions given them before Mr.
MacMillan started off they make
it a point to be around at
meal times and get what they
can this is not always very much
but as a part of tea or coffee is
given it is making inroads on the
little sugar we have.

The Cook Mr Small looks out
for the cooking and cooks what
ever he wishes and I take care
not to interfere with his work.
Honey gets the Ice and whatever
is needed to be brought in such
as the Kerosene Oil the Provisions
are scattered very much and are
all buried in snow drifts in
little or no order.

Temp 8 am - 4 8 pm 0

Thickness of Ice 6 6 1/2 inches

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Monday - April 2 1967
 Strong winds causing a blinding
 drift though sporadically clear sky
 Temp 8 am 0° 8 pm $+8$

Tuesday April 3
 weather clearing up though
 the sky is hazy, cleared away
 the snow from the roof of the
 front part of the house
 the two natives Samik and
 Kar hei chee, have gone rabbit
 hunting I have a little cold
 with sore throat
 Temp 8 am -3 8 pm -4
 the natives returned at 11 30 pm got 10

Wednesday April 4
 Very pleasant though fresh breeze
 from east I do a little work
 on Ivory but more to keep
 busy at something and read
 some The two natives have gone
 off hunting rabbit but like
 yesterday they don't start till
 late in the afternoon
 Temp 8 am $3+$ 8 pm $4+$
 the natives got 8 rabbits

Etah

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Thursday April 5 1917

Pleasant but becoming overcast moderate breeze from North the two natives went down to Cape Alexander to get walrus meat but could get but little as it was buried deep by snow they got three Rabbits and saw a seal hauled out on the ice I speak of this because it is the first seen hauled out this spring
temp 8 am 2+ 8 pm - 8

Friday April 6

Strong winds raising quite a drift from N E and North increasing towards night two natives came up from down the coast no special errand but with kamik to return with them when they go back on his staff Father Oh loo yer (Star) wishes to see him

one of the natives the oldest one about 25 I took measurement of his head height, spread of arms and weight

temp 8 am - 16 8 pm - 16

Etah

Saturday April 7 1917
 Fresh breeze at first but
 very pleasant weather then from
 the two natives who came yesterday
 started on their return and the
 two men Samik and Kae Kachuk
 went south with them to be gone
 hunting for a short time
 temp 8 am - 16 8 pm - 10

Sunday April 8
 Very pleasant weather Six sleds
 came this morning up the coast
 three of them from North Star Bay
 bringing malassis sugar coffee
 and butter also a letter from
 Doctor Harey stating he had arrived
 there in fine shape and had an
 enjoyable trip he reached there
 the last day of March
 Mr Rossmun had not started
 on yet on his trip to Perry
 Land but was holding back
 hoping to hear from South
 Greenland by Mr Freuchen
 (Peter) and should wait till
 about the 6th Doctor Harey's letter
 was dated the 2nd Thickness of ice 69 1/2
 inches, temp 8 am - 8 8 pm - 4

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MacMillan
returned

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Monday April 9 1917

Strong wind at first with drift
but later improving wind N.E.
Clear have been clearing out
in part the over head part of
the house where the moisture has
accumulated on the roof about an
inch and a half of frost the sun
yesterday loosed up all that
under the roof of the south side
so that it began to drop off

Mr MacMillan returned from
his trip when he went away
he was to be gone till the latter
part of May

Temp at 8 am -7 8 pm -3
the results of Mr MacMillan trip
are practically nil so far as the museum
is concerned he found the records
of some expeditions (the alert)
for the Museum he brought
back one of his dogs which had
died this he thinks will be good
and of interest and his broken
snow shoe I can not but help
feeling disappointed in his trip

Etah

Tuesday April 10 1917

Very pleasant weather at 4 am
 Mr. Rasmussen arrived here on
 his way to North Greenland there
 were 28 sleds with 330 dogs
 all but 7 of these will return
 south again from here and later
 when farther north part of the 7
 will return he has besides
 his natives two white men who
 will go all the way with him
 Doctor Wolff and a Mr. Koch
 there has also come up to visit
 us the mate of the ship Denmark
 Mr. Nielsen and the Chief Engineer
 Mr. Sorenson there will return
 from here to the ship

Doctor Haerby sent up a letter
 in which he stated that he would
 get away the 4 and these people
 say he got started all right

Mr. Freuchen had not up to
 then returned from his trip to
 Upernivik

Temp 8 am - 5 8 pm 3+

Wednesday April 11 1914
strong winds at first but later
moderate Several sleds started
off to go over to Clameer land
Bear and Musk ox hunting
and Cook Mr. Small started
off with them but he came
back at 8.30 pm over land
reporting that the natives had come
not far off so he returned to
the House & stay over night
all of Mr. Rasmussen's
Party are here resting up
they are all fine men
that is his white men he
is a great man in Intellect
and energy though of medium
stature and the natives are
all willing to do any thing for
him they are having a dance
in the House this evening
temp 8 am - 2 8 pm +

Etah

Thursday April 12 1967

Dull weather with light snow
and light wind from south east
west I take much pleasure in
the company of these Danish People
as they all can speak english
of course we are a little cruder
this shows more at the table
than elsewhere as there is not enough
dishes or cups neither knives or
forks to go around
our cook started off this morning
but returned and at night when
a Native who had been bear hunting
got one Bear (Atklee O) brought word
that the Native who Mr. Small is
going with sent word for him
to come at once as they wish to
get started so he is leaving
at 10 pm

temp 8 am 3+

8 pm 9+

Friday April 13 1914

Generally Pleasant a number of the sleds which came up with Mr. Rasmussen returned south the noon and about 5 pm he started with the remainder (about 10) to continue his trip to North Greenland the Mate and Engineer of course returned south & the vessel while Doctor Wulff and Mr Kock went with Mr Rasmussen
temp 8 am 4+ 8 pm 2+

Saturday April 14

Pleasant weather three sleds went down to Cape Alexander and brought up meat To day I shifted the clock which is connected with the kymograph from Doctor Hareys Room (formerly) to my room then had to lengthen out the wires which make the connections it is now working well the natives are leaving in the room (Doctor Hareys) and while Mr Rasmussen Party were here it got packed out at times several times and stopped light East wind
temp 8 am -3 8 pm -3-

Etah

Sunday April 15 1914

Pleasant ~~weather~~ but strong wind,
and shift after noon better
a sled came from the north the
Party two men have been over
to Ekmen land and got a number
of musk ox skins (6) report Mr -
Karmunen and Party at Neretok
and are Mr Snell about half way
there, had intended to go up to
the lake and measure the ice thickness
but to much wind
thickness of Harbor Ice 71 inches
temp -8 am -19 8 pm -13

Monday April 16

Pleasant though strong wind
from S.E. the natives who came
yesterday with the musk ox skins
report that their Party got a herd
of 23 there 6 were their share
as these natives have very few
Deer skins they use the musk
ox skins for Bedding and the
Bear skins are practically all
used for the men's Parkies
even the very small boys pants
are made of these
temp 8 am -9 8 pm -5

Tuesday April 17 1917

Pleasant but at times a fresh breeze
three sleds came up from the south
some of the natives intend going over
to the west lands to hunt musk ox
the two men who came from there
the 15th continued in their way south
but went over the glacier (perhaps
to have what musk ox meat they had
from being eaten up by the other
natives they ~~were~~ ^{were} ~~sure~~ ^{sure} to meet if
they followed the shore ice)

Have cleared away much of the bank
of snow which had accumulated in
front of the House

temp at 8 am - 6 8 pm - 4

Wednesday April 18

Pleasant with moderate wind I went
up to the Head of the Bay to a lake
and cut through the ice to measure
it, and found it was 84 inches
at about the center of the lake although
it looked as though no person could
go through it a native came up
and brought me back on his sled
broke a fox out of the trap on his way ^{back}
a party of natives started off musk ox hunting
on the west shore temp 8 am - 4 8 pm 0°

Etah

Thursday April 19 1917

Generally pleasant though a little cloudy during the afternoon
 three sleds which includes all
 all the natives here have gone to
 Nerby to hunt walrus and seal
 for a few days only one young boy
 remaining here (Ouddy) The Natives
 usually get one or more Rabbits
 when they go out hunting them he
 brought in one today the surprising
 thing is that there should be so many
 where there is so little land no covered
 with ice Temp 8 am 6+ 8 pm 5+

Friday April 20

Becoming overcast and damp, misty
 Samik returned instead of going
 on yesterday there are two extra
 women here who belong to the men
 who have gone on with Mr Rasmussen
 Party and will stop here for them
 after seeing Mr Rasmussen well on
 his way to North Greenland
 the snow bank is so high about
 the house that the dogs in fighting
 broke out two windows in my room
 today had to replace the glass
 Temp 8 am 3+ 8 pm 5+

Saturday April 21 1917

Small overcast with misty and snowy
air light breeze South & West
have been replacing the Cermograph
clock and have it now where it
will be safe from getting jostled
from people coming in contact
with it Temp 8 am 4+ 8 pm 4+

Sunday April 22

Pleasant weather Two of Mr.
Rasmussen's sleds returned from
his party they had gone to help
him along Others are to come later
but are ⁸⁰ farther on with him
there was also 4 sleds come up
from the South there are going
West or hunting over to the west
land or Colamer land

Thickness of Ice 72 inches
Temp 8 am 3+ 8 pm 3+
Samik and Oudj brought over
some coral from the Island

Etah

Monday April 23 1917

Dull and misty with a little snow
 today have taken down the old
 wires which connect the clock with
 the barograph as the covering was
 poor, covered new wires and put them
 up and now so far the barograph
 is working well I think the trouble
 has been that the wires would get
 covered with frost and there by cut
 off circuit also refilled the tank
 with the anemometer charcoal

the natives did not get away today
 the weather being so thick

temp 8 am 7+ 8 pm 5+

Tuesday April 24

Pleasant weather have been
 getting a long plank ready so as
 to take the measurements of the rise and
 fall of the tides. The four sleds
 continued on to cross abet of Etah
 land much of hunting and two sleds
 went on their way south to North
 Star Bay. Two of the natives who
 work for this station returned from
 the Northward they brought back some old
 meat at 10:30 pm 2 sleds seen going south
 probably Mrs. Rasmussen's sleds
 temp 8 am 5+ 8 pm 2+

Wednesday April 25 1914

Very Pleasant three sleds arrived here last night while one went on south it was thought when seen that there were two sleds of Mr. Kammer but this was not so they were all of a party who had been much or hunting over on the west side of the sound they were very successful and got a few Bears and a number of musk ox these Natives are now getting well acquainted and are not afraid to go over to the other shore hunting having been taken over there by Expedition Parties and it would seem that the musk ox will in a few years will be exterminated there are so few Deer in this part of Greenland that the natives use the skins of the musk ox for Beds and covering in the stone and sod houses the skin of one young musk ox was traded for here to be used for mounting at the Museum cleared out the remaining snow and frost from the gasset overhead
Temp 8 am 3+ 8 pm 1+

Etah

Thursday April 26 1917
 Very pleasant though slightly cloudy
 at times light southerly wind
 Mr MacMillan started off on a short
 trip to Nerky distance about 40 miles
 he said he should be gone about
 four days. There were with him
 three of the Muskox hunting sleds
 Samik went as driver for him
 this leaves me alone ^{with a few natives} here
 temp 8 am 8 + 8 pm 5 +

Friday April 27
 Dull light weather working on my
 tide gage so as to be ready by
 the first of May have written a
 letter to Dr Wissler of the museum
 in case there should be a chance to
 send it
 temp 8 am 7 + 8 pm 7 +

Saturday April 28
 Dull light spring weather
 we now have the sun shining
 at midnight though where the house
 stands we can not see it on account
 of the high mountains north of us but
 out on the Serund and on the hill south
 temp 8 am 7 + 8 pm 10 +

Sunday April 29 1917

Dull light weather what wind there is is from the N.W. Mr. MacMillan returned from his trip to Nerkie at 4 pm two of the natives old Parris par and his son took a skoo started to go hunting seal at Nerkie the woman who takes care of and does her best to keep the House clean is now on the sick list this makes it hard for her as she has two small children both of which are nursing

temp at 8 am 11+ 8 pm 9+
thickness of Ice 72 inches

Monday April 30

Dull weather with a little snow falling at time Put the tide gauge up this is done by cutting two holes in the Ice 17 feet apart (the length of the Plank) which is held in place up about 5 feet by wooden harrow then let a fine galvanized milk can down in one (which had been filled with small stones & pathos of water) & the other end of the wire have a ten pound lead about the center of the Plank is a shide which carries a weight of flat Iron and leave it at high tide the same when tide is falling

Put up a weather vane
moderate ice and wind
temp 8 am 11+ 8 pm 11+

Tuesday May 1 1918

Dull weather light air N.W. & went getting the tide gauge fixed up to my satisfaction. The rise and fall of the tide today was 5 feet and 1 inch.

I also rigged up a reel for Mr. Macmillan and wound it with fine wire he says he will take soundings at seal holes in going across over to Elmeer land.

He went up to Settlement Island & deep with Samik and got some Ducks eggs which had been gathered last summer and put under stone carins.

Nature does well by us in making us enjoy things here which at home we could not endure, though the eggs are not bad.

Temp 8 am 11 + 8 pm 11 +

Wednesday May 2

Dull weather little or no wind. am now tending the tide gauge every hour. it was low water at 2.45 pm. this keeps me quit busy what with the thermograph, chronometer,

and every four hours the temperature and weather and the time passes quickly.

Mr. Macmillan is great in taking pictures and getting ready to go off on a trip tomorrow.

Temp 8 am 5 + 8 pm 10 +

Thursday May 3 1917

Dull weather with a little snow
a short while four sleds of Mr.
Rasmussen supporting sleds others have gone
hunting Bear and musk ox on Edmead
land Mr Rasmussen's party are going
in alright with plenty of meat
when these natives get to North Star Bay
some one of them will forward the meat
so that it will get to Upernivik and go
out on a steamer have written two
letters one to Mr. Osborn President of the
Museum and one to Doctor Winder of the
Museum and will also write to my wife

I am kept quite busy with the tide gauge
Mr Macmillan started off with four sleds
to go across the Sound to Kunt mouth
Temp 8 Am 13 + 8 pm 14 +

Friday May 4

Dull with some fog and snow two sleds
came up from the missionaries bringing a ^{native}
legless one of the men who went with Peary to the
Pole last fall he fell off the Glacier and
crushed his right foot so that Doctor Hunt
had to cut it off close to the ankle I was
to make a plaster cast of it so that it could
be sent to Denmark and an artificial foot made
the plaster here is of no use but will try again
Temp 8 am 10 + 8 pm 14 +

Saturday May 5 1917

A very stormy day strong gale with damp snow from NW though the wind varied between that and NE at times it is blinding to find the way out to the tide gauge which I attend every hour beginning at 7 am till midnight made a Plaster Cast of the extremity of right leg the Plaster I got by shaking it out of some Bandages which I have been keeping in case someone got a broken bone there were two dozen bandages I got enough out of 6 to make the mould and later will shake out enough to fill it

temp 8 am 19+ 8 pm 17+

Sunday May 6

Generally pleasant with the wind moderate by noon and later becoming a breeze again one end of the wire broke on the tide gauge so that I lost 15 lbs of lead now have replaced with two two quart cans filled with gravel from the hill. Some of these natives here have a feeling of freedom in taking things out of the house I think they have done this so long that they resent my putting things where they can't get them thickness of ice 72 inches temp 8 am 11+ 8 pm 8+

Monday May 4 1914

Cloudy weather with the winds variable in force and direction air two young. Natives started to go to Nerby at the same time that the two sleds went on their return with Siglers about midnight. These people like to sleep during the forenoon and begin to move if going anywhere towards night they take life easy and seem never to be in a hurry. Three sleds have just come up from down that way (9 pm) some snow falling during the day
Temp 8 am 9+ 8 pm 5+

A woman who I have seen but once sent me a walker, told she was the wife of the man who lost his life when Mr Macmillan and Green were returning from the failure to find Crocker land she is the mother of Samik the young man who is employed here she is now living with another native (Oh too yes) whose wife died last winter while I was at North Star Bay of child birth

Etah

Thursday May 8 1917
 Generally pleasant with fresh NW.
 breeze backing & H to at night

Two of the sleds which came
 yesterday continued on there way up
 to Nor a Turk one again being
 remaining here to keep up the
 hourly record of the tide gage
 and watch the temperature kept me
 so much going that the women are
 now helping me out by going out
 to the Tide gage and placing a nail
 in to mark the place on the hour
 of its passing the meridian this I read
 off when I go so that I can now go
 less frequently there is several things
 which keep me busy from 4 am till
 after midnight

Temp 8 am 3 + 8 pm 2 +
 to day I gave each natives head a
 thorough rubbing with Muscular Ointment
 to destroy the vermin which is so common
 to all Eskimos they were anxious to have
 it done

by shaking out more of the Plaster
 Paris bandages I got enough Plaster to
 fill up the mould made of the stump of
 Sigler's leg so that is now ready to dry
 and put away to be sent to Denmark

Wednesday May 9 1917

Pleasant and clear with moderate breeze N.E. to day had the highest tide so far between midnight and one am then it fell 12 feet and 8 inches

I should have said that yesterday low tide was the lowest, then it rose to that amount

The kaler through the ice have to be cut occasionally to prevent closing up and freezing the ice it did this over to day so that I lost the

8 pm reading the three sleds started south the two which went away yesterday having come back early this am and all got started again home this afternoon

Temp 8 am 4+ 8 pm 6+

Thursday May 10

Pleasant clear weather though cold for this time of year especially with a fresh breeze I am alone here with the five women two of them are inclined to be lazy while two are good workers and one is quite gone with consumption she is known as Buster

Temp 8 am 4+ 8 pm 2+

Etah

Friday May 11 1917

Pleasant weather but most of the time a fresh N.E. wind which requires attention to keep the wires of the tide gauge from being frozen in.

Temp 8 am $3^{\circ}+$ 8 pm $7^{\circ}+$

during the night fell to -3°

Saturday May 12

Pleasant and clear though fresh winds from N.E. in order to keep the wires from freezing in to the ice I have tried on an experiment putting about two quarts of Kerosene oil in to the holes and think it will help very much as it may act as a blanket between the air and water.

Temp 8 am $8^{\circ}+$ 8 pm $10^{\circ}+$

Sunday May 13

Pleasant though fresh breeze most of the time the oil I put in the holes helps a little but still the ice forms under it but it keeps the wire coiled so that it goes easy. The ice does not gain in thickness and still measures 7 inches thick.

Temp 8 am $12^{\circ}+$ 8 pm $13^{\circ}+$

Heard the mow hunting
8 days for the first time
this spring there were several
of them.

Monday May 14 1917

Generally pleasant and much warmer though at times overcast moderate & light winds. Three sleds have just arrived they are Mr Rasmussen men who after leaving him as supporting party went much on hunting and it looks as though they had been successful have not come in & the house as yet.

Temp 8 am 19+ 8 pm 25+

one of these natives who has come got his foot badly hurt and is much swollen but the skin is not broken here put a Iodine and bound it up tightly.

later a fourth sled came in this man Metuck has his wife with him they have killed many much ox and given us for trade some 30 or 40 lbs of meat.

Tuesday May 15

Pleasant and the warmest day so far this spring. The natives report seeing the little crabs (the very small ones) these they catch thousands of in the summer they nest in the talus or slopes of the hills facing the south and are caught in nets (dip nets). The 4 sleds got away this pm. Cord took too, As he has, Metuck, and Cord Luck, the latter his foot much improved.

Temp 8 am 26+ 8 pm 23+

these birds are called
At pond de ashks and penguin
(though small) much food and
the skins are used for shirts

Etah

Wednesday May 16 1917
 Pleasant with Moderate breeze N to
 the Native women have moved out
 of their Partly underground houses
 and moved in to their tent
 have had some extra work in the
 seismograph room removing the winter
 accumulation of frost and now hope
 that this trouble of water dripping will
 stop put on three different Papers today
 as they got ruined we so far as my
 looking out for it have had no shock
 still there is no knowing when one may
 occur have had occasion to get after
 the women today as they are very much
 inclined to be lazy and indifferent to
 the work they should do to help me
 have put a plank walk up to the
 front door temp 8 am 24+ 8 pm 24+

Thursday May 17
 Pleasant with fresh wind from East
 have not got the seismograph working
 good yet
 the Native women report seeing
 gulls & clay for the first time this
 spring
 temp 8 am 25+ 8 pm 24+

Friday. May 18 1917.

Pleasant with moderate breeze from
NE & SE ^{our two boys Samik}
and Sudy returned ^{early this am} from Nerky they have
taken 6 seal but brought nothing up
the report is that Peter Frencken the Agent
at North Star bay has not as yet returned
from his trip to Upernivik I think
he started out in February.
Temp 8 am 25+ 8 pm 23+

Saturday May 19

Morning quite thick this fore noon
after noon clearing off very pleasant
and wind moderating from a fresh breeze
from South & a light North west air
one of the Native women (Ulee Ulee) gave
me a fine Blue fox skin an I help
her in the care of her small child
and in the Coaking, as she is the
house keeper in the absence of Mr Small
Temp 8 am 15+ 8 pm 15+

when Samik returned he brought up
his little sister a girl of about 8 years
of age this adds another to our house
hold

Etah

Sunday May 20 1917

Very Pleasant though fresh breeze
 during fore noon our two young men
 have gone off again to the Northwest
 looking for seal the seal supply
 at present is very little though no doubt
 but that when the snow goes there will be
 enough found to carry us through we are
 burning wood most of the time from old
 crater and boxes thickness of ice 72 inches
 Temp 8 am 20+ 8 pm 22+

Monday May 21

Started in Pleasant but becoming
 overcast at night with damp snow falling
 one of the women caught a gull in a
 trap set for it three days ago the
 Native Oudie shot the first one seen of
 the season could hear the small birds
 again & day wind moderate west
 Temp 8 am 20+ 8 pm 19

Tuesday May 22

Dull with a little snow falling mostly
 in the forenoon the women caught another
 gull then they like in fact eat everything
 but the crows even eat their body lice
 Temp 8 am 19+ 8 pm 20+

Wednesday May 23 1917

Dull weather snowing most of the time moderate south west & west wind the women caught a number of the small arctic (uk pud de arki)

they are about the size of quails and are much esteemed as food by them caught in scoop nets they brought in a haul a dozen the first of the season
temp 8 am 23+ 8 pm 19+

Thursday May 24

A party of 7 sleds arrived this am at 2 o'clock and Mr Small was one of the party they have been off much of hunting the west side of the Sound killed quite a number among the skins brought here was one with an extra set of hind legs growing from out the flesh on the inside of the proper one of course not well developed but with lengthened hoofs as the skin is still frozen can not better describe them

they also got a number of young skins most of them unborn

this deformed one was a well grown female the day has been dull and snowing most of the time at night clearing at night the sleds continued on
temp 8 am 24+ 8 pm 18+

Etah

Friday May 25 1917

Pleasant with fresh breeze from
N.E. & East Mr. MacMillan arrived
here this morning at one o'clock so this
again broke up what sleep I would
have had his party got & hear but
no munk as he has taken a large number ^{of Protest}
Temp 8 am 20+ 8 pm 17+

Saturday May 26

Generally pleasant though a little snow
at one time Mr. Small with Kamik
and Ouday have gone up the coast
to hunt for seal Fresh breeze N.E.
then north then N.E. again.

Temp 8 am 20+ 8 pm 23+

Sunday May 27

Pleasant with variable winds the women
went to the rookeries of the Birds and got quite
a number one of the Natives E. took er shoes
got 2 seal Thickness of the Ice 7 1/2 inches

Temp 8 am 26+ 8 pm 24+

the natives now have their tents set up
and are living in them

Monday May 28 1917

Pleasant with fresh NE and East wind
two sleds New Kar pen was and Ash Leo
started on a trip south Seal hunting
and visiting

Temp 8 am 37+ 8 pm 35+

Tuesday May 29

Very pleasant and warm though a
fresh to moderate breeze from East
the harbor. Ice is getting a little wet
at least to deep water Mr MacMillan
has gone to Cape Alexander with three
sleds to take pictures the hill is
so steep back of the House and the snow
so deep ~~that~~ around the House at the
back that the water comes leaching through
in to the back room where holes have
been cut in the floor to let it through
on to the ground it has done this in
all the other winters there are a few
small birds around and it is very pleasant
to hear them morning

Temp 8 am 37+ 8 pm 42+

Etah

Wednesday May 30 1917

Pleasant with fresh to moderate breeze
from NE to East Mr. MacMillan, and party
returned this afternoon

the ice is now getting quite wet and will
be till holes are formed in it ^{that will} & run it
off the snow is settling and disappearing fast
temp 8 am 40+ 8 pm 35+

Thursday May 31

Pleasant with fresh breeze from
East becoming cloudy in the evening
have carried out and filled four boxes
of stone to keep the tide gauge from
being moved in any way by the wind
as the ice is thawing on the surface

temp 8 am 36+ 8 pm 34+

Friday June 1 1917

Pleasant though fresh breeze and a
little flurry of snow this afternoon

Mr MacMillan has decided to help keep
the tide gauge records by looking out
for it from midnight till 6 am
this will make a complete record for the
24 hours we are now having water
from the hill side instead of bringing in
ice

temp 8 am 38+ 8 pm 33+

Etah

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Saturday June 2 1917

Pleasant with strong winds from East
the Ice has lately broken in by
the outer Island at the entrance of
the Harbor the two Natives took the
small row boat out to hunt seal
the snow is fast disappearing from the
hill sides

Temp 8 am 31+ 8 pm 35+

Sunday June 3

Pleasant with fresh breezes from
East and North East have put some
asphalt pitch in the holes at the
tide gauge hoping that the oil and
dark color will help in keeping them
open as they require constant
attention to keep them from closing
up Mr Small and the two Native
boys Samik and Oudey returned
this morning at 6 o'clock they have
taken 15 seal but only brought the
skins back as part of them

they met one of Mr. Rasmussen's ^{returning} natives
who gave them a letter a letter from
Mr Rasmussen for Mr MacMillan in which
he says he hopes to get back here by the
end of August Temp 8 am 34+ 8 pm 31+

Thickness of Ice 4 1/2 inches

Monday June 4 1917

Pleasant with fresh & light East winds the natives get a good many of the very small Auklets (Auk puddle auklets)
Temp 8 am 30+ 8 pm 28+

Tuesday June 5

Pleasant with moderate breeze from East backing to North
Temp 8 am 30 8 pm 32

Wednesday June 6

Pleasant with light North west wind the natives get large numbers of the very small Auklets now two Franchises of the natives Auk puddle saw and E. took er shoes have gone down to a place known as Nerkeey to hunt seal for a while. The Birds I speak of come to these Greenland cliffs by many millions and as they are easily taken furnish much food for the natives as they stow them away under the rock for winter use where they are so plentiful they make a noise similar to frogs in a swamp in spring time reminding one of the story of the frog of Windham
Temp 8 am 32+ 8 pm 32+

Thursday June 7 1917

Very Pleasant with moderate breeze from South west an occasional Ice goes on its way by to the Northward and over across the two boys got a Falcon with the Eggs there were 4 of them, when they came down from Nor a hawk on the 3rd of June brought down two Eggs of the Falcon

Temp 8 am 34+ 8 pm 34+

Friday June 8.

Very Pleasant with light winds S.W. and Calm. Several natives came this am early. New Kier ping was and his Father Com-er ding was also 3 other young natives they brought mail up from the Station at North Star Bay which Mr. Treacher had brought up when he met Doctor Harey a letter from Doctor Harey and a note from Mr. Ekblaw. he was at South-Upernivik and Doctor Harey expected to leave Tasiaruk and reach Upernivik the day after he wrote the letter. May! he was to change natives there and he was in fine health though there were times when he felt that he had undertaken too much

Temp 36+ 8 am 8 pm 38+

Etah

Saturday June 9 1917

Very pleasant with moderate breeze from west & N.W. one of the young men who came up here yesterday had sprained his ankle very badly this I have been caring for, today he is a little better and can put his foot to the ground. Mr MacMillan with the natives help got the first Gull's Egg of the season little or no ice to be seen off shore.

Temp 8 am 37 8 pm ^{about 35?}

Sunday June 10

Overcast and rain with west wind moderate during the last two weeks the ice has melted and evaporated a 2 inches on its surface but nothing on the bottom this I keep track of from having during the winter in taking measurements I place a long pole down in one of the holes and then freezing in was sawed off level it is today 2 inches above the surface and the ice is just that much less in thickness by measurement 70 inches Mr MacMillan has kept the readings on the ice gauge now for several nights midnight till 6 am, Temp 8 am 28 + 8 pm 28 +

Monday June 11 1917

Pleasant and calm though a little
hazy the sleds that came up a few
days ago started on their return this
evening the manr buckle being so he
could walk a little one native is going
to remain at Etah Mr MacMillan
lies or sleeps out in the tents and
as he takes the tide readings from
midnight till 6 am he then sleeps
till in the afternoon then comes in &
our late dinner Mr Small went
off & day in his Kiack to hunt
seal but returned with out seeing
any, intend to keep the tide
reading till Saturday night the 16th
have 8 ware rubber boots to go out
it as the natives here's wet through
so easily Temp 8 am 30+ 8 pm 40+

I gathered some flowers and have
them in my room window small purple
one that grow in bunches the grass
begin to show green and the snow is
going quite fast off the hill sides

Etah

Tuesday June 12 1917

Very pleasant mostly calm through
 out the day the Natives get large
 quantities of the Birds and feed them
 to the dogs the dogs here have
 a disease which the Natives call
 per-blo-tow (go crazy) and bite
 other dogs or some times the Natives
 themselves and have to be shot
 but so far I have not seen the
 same kind of trouble here with the
 dogs that the people have with
 them in Northern Herdren Bay there
 they become weak in the back and
 loose the use of the hind legs
 some times the foxes go insane and
 run in around the camp among the
 dogs and this the Natives say with
 bring the disease on so the dogs
 become so

temp 8 am 37+ 8 pm 40+

Wednesday June 13 1917

Pleasant though becoming hazy and overcast. Took a few snap shot pictures of the surroundings about the house. The Native Family which has been living in one of the rooms moved out this evening cleaned up around the house with a rake and dragged off three dead dogs one which has lain in the entrance way since Mr. MacMillan's return the 9th of April.

Temp 8 am 44 + 8 pm 38 +

The natives got their kiosk out of the gurrest and put them in the water which came in among the rough ice.

Thursday June 14

Pleasant light air and calm.

The natives go out in their kiosk (the edge of the ice being in side the Harbor entrance) but report seal or being scarce though water found plentiful even so late in the season as now. The wires freeze in at the tide gauge.

Temp at 8 am 37 8 pm 36

Etah

Friday June 15 1917

Pleasant with light variable winds
 Mr Small and two of the natives went
 up to Lethiten Island last night in
 their keack they got half a dozen Duck
 eggs and a couple of Gulls eggs
 this Island and neighboring ones are
 said to be good places for collecting eggs
 they will soon be abundant

The Ice around the shore is now
 getting broken up so that I have to pick
 my way out over it in going to the tide
 gauge Temp 8 am 37+ 8 pm 47+

Saturday June 16

Pleasant with moderate winds but
 becoming overcast at night

Three sleds returned from the
 Southend they have been hunting seal
 for about two weeks

Mr MacMillan went with some natives
 bent way to Cape Alexander the natives
 to get some meat and he to take pictures

Took down the Tide gauge at 9 pm
 this makes a record of the tide for 46
 days and having attended it for 18
 hours each day I feel tired and
 the distance out to it being 275 yards
 Temp 8 am 41+ 8 pm 37+

in the 46 days of
 tending the tide gauge
 I have walked 2,400 miles

Sunday June 17 1917

Pleasant and warm no wind & speak of becoming overcast at night about all the natives including Mr MacMillan and Mr Small are getting ready & go up to Littleton Island & morrow to gather Duck eggs. The natives now are taking holiday comfort sitting out around and as they have a graphophone that is kept going and record is plentiful.

Temp 43+ 8 am, 8 pm 39+
Thickness of Ice 65 1/2 inches

The law being from the top and not from the underneath side.

The hole which I had placed in a hole cut during the winter thawed out, and this last week so that I did not get the benefit of it that I thought I should.

Monday June 18

Pleasant at first but at night becoming overcast and raining lightly. Mr MacMillan and Mr Small with a number of natives have gone up in Boat and Kajak to Littleton Island to get Duck eggs so I am alone again. Have commenced digging around the old ruins and picking up old material. Temp 8 am 41+ 8 pm 40+

Etah

Tuesday June 19 1917

Pleasant at first but becoming overcast
and a little light rain and snow
Mr MacMillan returned last night and
brought back quite a number of
Duck Eggs also gulls and brants
so that now we have plenty of Duck
Eggs to eat the others he saves as
specimens. The Natives did not come
back neither Mr Muell.

Each day I dig around and get some
old native implements

Temp 8 am 37+ 8 pm 34+

Wednesday June 20

Pleasant with light variable winds
the Natives all returned this morning
Mr MacMillan has been up the head of
the Bay taking pictures in digging I do
not get but little but of course it all
helps Temp 8 am 34+ 8 pm 36+

The Ice is breaking in to the Harbor
quite fast

Thursday June 21 1917

Generally pleasant but a little
maw falling at night wind fresh
from the west & south

have been washing clothes and digging
around old ruins with a little success
the ^{very} small ducks are now beginning
& lay

temp 8 am 46+ 8 pm 37+

Friday June 22

Dull weather with light variable
wind mostly south Mr MacMillan went
off in the small boat and got a number
of eggs for his collection

the harbor it self is now all broken
up though in the light where the
house is there is some ice still fast
and also up to the head of the Bay

temp 8 am 37+ 8 pm 37+

the natives have taken 3 seal so far
working from the house

Etah

Saturday June 23 1917
 Generally Pleasant though Partly overcast
 the natives are busy getting kiasks
 ready till but a short distance & the
 water rifle that distance
 Temp 8 am 41+ 8 pm 48+

Sunday June 24
 Pleasant and warm I went up
 to the head of the Bay (perhaps about 5 miles)
 and dug around the ruins of an old
 Igloo got a very few articles
 This house was occupied at the time
 Doctor Kane was up here in his Brig
 Advance The Place where Doctor Hayes
 wintered is within 3 miles of here or in
 sight from the window
 Thickness of Ice 5-8 1/2 inches
 Temp 8 am 35+ 8 pm 45+

Monday June 25
 Generally Pleasant with moderate winds
 from S.W., each day I take the
 temperature, wind Chronometer and
 change the paper on the barograph
 and then dig around among the old
 ruins
 Temp 8 am 38+ 8 pm 35+

Tuesday June 26 1917

Generally pleasant wind becoming fresh from S.E. though variable forepart of the day

have now begun now in digging even in what appears to be the very oldest ruins I find the white man material in evidence but this may have worked down in recent years
Temp 8 am 35° + 8 pm 45° +

Wednesday June 27

Pleasant with light wind S.E.

Mr MacMillan and Mr Mall with a party of natives have gone to the southward of Cape Alexander to hunt and collect birds eggs expect to be gone two days so I am alone again with few part of the natives

Temp 8 am 43° + 8 pm 43° +

Thursday June 28

Overcast with a little snow rain and fog light wind South

The women are sewing the skin in a Kiack ^(new Ker Pin word) in the house as the weather is not fit for such work outside this Kiack measures 19 feet long 2 feet broad and a depth at least of 8 inches requires 5 seal skins to cover it
Temp 8 am 39° + 8 pm 35° +

Etah

Friday June 29 1917

Dull weather but not stormy
 the natives get a seal here occasionally
 close by and they also pick through
 the crack in the ice for a fish we
 call the skulpian or sea robbin

there are a fish that I think the
 white whales and seal live on

temp 8 am 34+ 8 pm 37+
 to day the natives got two seal and one
 oujoug (ground seal) the two seal were taken
 by the man who had his keok finished
 last night at midnight kamik got the oujoug

Saturday June 30

Dull weather a little rain and
 some snow with it have been cleaning
 up the back room of the House

one of the natives brought in a
 drinking glass full of flowers
 for me they look fine and
 it brings out a taste which
 I did not think these natives
 had an appreciation of the flowers

temp 8 am 38+ 8 pm 35-

Etah

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Sunday July 1 1917

Dull weather a little rain and
fog wind moderate from west
the time goes fast and it went
be long now before we can expect the
skel up from North Star Bay
while I was out just for a moment
one of the natives got a fire started by
accident in the back room but he
he quickly got one of the large size
milk cans (10 gallons) of water and put
it out as I came in thickness of ice ^{inches} 5 2 1/2
temp 8 am 36 + 8 pm 34 +

Monday July 2

Dull weather with some fog

I get but little from the old ruins
considering the amount of Digging

the natives go out and get a few
seal and the women get the little
uk pud de arks we are burning
wood now which we cut up from
the old crates and boxes though it is
said that there is some coal and on
one of the Islands where they tried
to rig up the wireless station
temp 8 am 34 + 8 pm 45 +
the bad weather must be keeping
Mr MacMillan away

Etah

Tuesday July 3 1914

Dull weather with fog wind moderate from west the natives brought in another Kiack and covered it with seal skin

I have been much interested in seeing them build these Kiacks and covering them and people are making such a long stay away that it must be the weather that is holding them back

Temp 8 am 32 +

Wednesday July 4

Dull weather some rain and fog Mr MacMillan and his party returned at 5 am they have taken 4 walrus and one oungung they have been down as far as Nerky on the way back they stopped at a place called Halwaday where they (the natives) dug a little around an old ruin they got a few things and report it a fine place to look for good results in digging so that I hope to be able to get there it is about 20 miles away

Temp 8 am 42 +

8 pm 34 +

have got a few articles in digging

Thursday July 5th 1914
 Started from the House at about 10 am
 to a place about 10 miles perhaps a little
 more north of Sytteten Island to dig for
 old material about old ruins said to be
 there stopped at Sytteten Island and got
 some Duck eggs there were great numbers of
 them there but there were to few advanced
 most of them to be eaten from one nest
 in which there were only two (where I saw
 the Duck fly off) one of the Eggs was a
 robin's blue one (later when on my return now)
 when shown the natives they say they have
 never seen one like it before
 turned them over to Mr. MacMillan
 after taking as many Eggs as I wished
 I went on 10 or 12 miles up the Coast
 light rain most of the day, on my way
 up a walrus came up under the Boat and
 nearly capsized it got out the rifle and
 drove it off I had hoped to find
 also some provisions which was said to be stored
 away at this place found it difficult to
 make a landing as the fringe of Ice clung
 to the shore and the tide were not quite up
 but finally hauled out and looked around
 saw a number of stone fox traps and picked
 up an old stone lamp (not complete)
 turned the Boat over and slept under it wind S.W.

Temp & air 34 & sun 36

Friday July 6 1917

Slept quite comfortably under the Boat my
 foot gear being wet in the worst that there
 is to contend with. To day have walked
 around hoping to find the old ruins but with
 no success. Plenty of tent rings and places
 where meat has been stored in colder times
 as there are no natives now living north of
 Etah. The sun came out in the afternoon
 and I returned to the Boat to rest and dry
 my foot gear. Fresh breeze from the S.W.
 on my way up here not a seal to be seen
 though I shot a young one asleep on the ice
 here. walrus quite plentiful

no ice to speak of the west shore shores up
 very plain and as I look out over so much
 clear water I do not wonder the early explorers
 thought there might be an open Polar sea
 just before midnight the tide being nearly up
 I launched the boat and went on a few miles
 farther and landed on the ice in a quite deep
 bight went up to the head of the Bay but could
 see no signs of old Iglood

then I gave up going farther and started on
 the return trip. wind moderate to fresh from
 the north and a fair ebb tide.

Temp at Etah 8 am 36° + 8 pm 52° +

Saturday July 7 1917

After a long tiresome pull but with fair wind all the way and tide most of the way I arrived back at the House at eleven a.m.
The natives here got 5 walrus here just outside the Harbor last night. The rain last night when in the North was about an hour and a half high as we would say at home.
Walrus were very plentiful about me on the return trip, my trip was not a success.
Temp 8 a.m. 49 + 8 p.m. 44 +
at night overcast and wind S.W.

Sunday July 8

Dull weather with light variable wind.
got a few articles by digging the time now is short before we can look for the seal & arrive here from North Star Bay.
Mr MacMillan is busy packing up various articles so as to have every thing ready for shipment.

Temp 8 a.m. 44 + 8 p.m. 39 +

The Ice where I have taken measurements during the winter is still in same place though a boat can come and go from in front of the House it measured

8 days 3 feet 8 inches one opening and one seal ^{testing}
when I left on the Trip & go up to the northward had to discontinue the Seismograph

Monday July 9 1917
 Steady rain all day and most of last night so that the rain water through the windows of my room of course am not able to wash out glass but have taken down the seismograph and getting it ready to pack up
 Temp 8 am 46 + 8 pm 41 +

Tuesday July 10
 Weather clearing off quite fine
 Mr MacMillan and Mr Small with one Native have gone off but did not say where they were going or how long they would stay away I have been packing up the seismograph which is some what of a task it takes 6 cases to hold it all and much of it is very heavy The Ice is now all gone in front of the House
 Temp 8 am 39 + 8 pm 41 +

Wednesday July 11. 1914

Generally clear with fresh winds west and north the natives get a large seal occasionally (Oqjaeq) this is used the skin for boat bottoms and lines for sled and dog team walrus seem to be more plentiful than seal and more readily taken

our sugar has been gone now for several days but there is enough Malasui

Temp 8 am 41 + 8 pm 40 +

Thursday July 12

Partly cloudy but generally pleasant finished packing up and weighed and marked the boxes of kizmagraph material 6 boxes in all and weighed (whole amount) 875 lbs Two seal taken today

Temp 8 am 52 8 pm 54

Friday July 13

Pleasant with light variable air Mr Small returned at 1 am and Mr MacMillan and the natives this pm have taken one walrus and got some Duck Eggs they are very plentiful but are going by Temp 8 am 47 8 pm 47

Etah

Saturday July 14 1917

Pleasant light air and Calm

Mr. MacMillan went off again early this
am and Mr. Small went away this
after noon he is bound up the coast
he has a Kiack of his own
Some natives have gone with him

I went up along the shore toward
the head of the Bay to find the
ruins of two Igloos which Mr. Mac-
millan said were there but was unable
to find them To day I was much
surprised to find white Dandy lions
though the yellow ones are plentiful
I gathered some to press and take home
Temp 8 am 45+ 8 pm 44+

Sunday July 15

Cloudy with fog at times moderate
winds southerly have collected a few
flowers and also dug around the old
ruins with some success

Mr. MacMillan returned this morning early
Temp 8 am 44+ 8 pm 41+

Monday July 16 1917

Dull weather at times a little snow in the air Mr Small returned this afternoon has not been but little ways they had one boat and were towing a Kiack when a walrus came up and stuck in the bow of the Kiack I mention this to show that where walrus are plentiful it is not safe for one Kiack or boat to go alone this may in part account for the scarcity of seal as the walrus it is said kill them at times
temp 8 am 35+ 8 pm 36+

Tuesday July 17

Dull weather with some fog light winds and Calm

continue diggin and get a few articles this work has spurred Mr. MacMillan up to a greater effort. I believe as he now gets the natives to bring what they can find to him

temp 8 am 45+ 8 pm 36+

Etah

Wednesday July 18 1914
 Generally Pleasant though Partly
 cloudy Mr Macmillan has got some
 of the natives to go down to Nerby
 about 40 miles to the South to get Eskimo
 material especially some whale Bone
 Nets which Mr Small says he had seen
 the natives have (not in use but some
 they had found) I would have gone
 but did not care to be subject to
 the natives ways as they were to be in charge
 Temp 8 am 43 8 pm 48 +
 have had a pair of seal skin pants
 made and given to me by one of the native
 women (Wee wee.)

Thursday July 19
 Pleasant through the day but at
 night breezing up from S.W. strong
 went out in the boat part way to
 Sun rise point to where there were
 some old ruins of Igloos 5 in all
 4 in one place and one at another
 they could not have been in use
 for any great length of time and
 so got but little from them
 Temp 8 am 51 + 8 pm 40

Friday July 20 1917

Dull with moderate westerly winds
the whole of the ice even up to the head
of the Bay is now broken up and going out
Two seal were taken today one by Mr. Small
but all that I have seen taken are this year's
pups though a few ground seal (Oogang)
have been taken get a few articles in digging
Temp 8 am 34 + 8 pm 37 +

Saturday July 21

Pleasant with fresh breeze from East
this has carried out about all the old ice
from the head of the Bay

I went up to where there were said to
be the old ruins (in a boat) but to my
mind there were only summer camps
used at the time the natives would go
there to catch the birds in nets as they
collect in such places along the southern
slopes of the mountain sides it is safe
to say in the millions and furnish a large
amount of food for natives and their dogs
this seems to be women's work to catch
them they are about as large as robbers
perhaps a little more solid

Temp 8 am 46 + 8 pm 50 +

Etah

Sunday July 22 1917

Dull weather with fresh west and
north west wind increasing at night
& a fresh gale of course all attention
is now given to the ship Denmark's
arrival which is expected by the first
of August and though the days are few
till then still it is a little strain on
the mind at least mine

Temp 8 am 40 + 8 pm 34 +

Monday July 23

A stormy day wind now strong
snowing so that the hill tops are covered
white with it the weather is also thick
misty and foggy

Temp 8 am 33 + 8 pm 32 +

Tuesday July 24

Dull stormy weather wind S.W. & west
damp some fog and mist

have been digging a little

no ice to be seen from the house

Temp 8 am 35 8 pm 34 +

my weight to day was 211 lbs

Wednesday July 25 1917

Pleasant with light wind S.W.
and west had some success in
digging around the old ruins of Igloos
Temp 8 am 40 + 8 pm 43 +
we can now look forward to the vessel
arrival any time after this also Mr
Rasmussen and his Party who are
expected to be here about the time the
vessel should arrive

Thursday July 26

Dull weather with light wind
from S.W. the natives who went
away a few days ago to the north
returned ^{at midnight} & dug & having collected a
few ancient articles by digging around
at a place called Nerkey and
Saluaddy at the former place
they got some old whale Bone (Baleen)
but no articles made of it as was
hoped they would

two men were taken to day
two of the natives who went returned
over the ice cap and the man who
and his wife and child came up in
the boat (who owned the team)
they report much snow on the glacier
Temp 8 am 43 + 8 pm 40 +

Etah

Friday July 27 1917
 Dull light weather a little rain
 towards night light wind north west
 there is a feeling now that we are
 about to leave soon
 and some times we speak of what we
 would like to have to eat when we get
 back home, an occasional Iceberg goes by
 Temp 8 am 44 + 8 pm 43

Saturday July 28
 Dull weather with light south
 and SW wind a little rain towards night
 looking forward to the arrival of the
 vessel my greatest enjoyment is to dig for ^{relics}
 Temp 8 am 42 + 8 pm 45 +

Sunday July 29
 Pleasant with fresh breeze from west
 mending clothes and dig around the old
 ruins found quite a little piece of flint
 most of their rejects but all go to show
 that the natives in former times were able to
 work it Keep looking to seaward
 hoping to see the ship Denonack
 Temp 8 am 43 + 8 pm 43 +
 found a piece of whale bone
 but do not think these people caught
 them at least not here

Monday July 30 1914
Very pleasant with light variable
winds the natives get a few seal
and walrus they seem to like to
do their hunting in the night time
though of course the moon shiner all
the time but not so brightly then
occasionally a berg passes along &
the north and west it is probably
about here where the current bends
& the west on the land on the
other side is very plainly seen
temp 8 am 45 + 8 pm 51
one of our warmest days

Tuesday July 31
Pleasant with light northerly
wind at 4 pm the steamer
Neptune came in Captain Bartlett
she has come to take us back
to St John N. F. sent by the
Museum she met the Steamer
Denmark yesterday and took the
material (Boxes) that had been
collected at North Star Bay, on
board the Denmark was in her
way up here but then turned
back this is the same vessel that
wintered with us in Cape Thule in 1903

July 31 Tuesday Continued

it is said that the museum pays
\$15,000 a month for her use

I received letters from my wife (3)
from Mr Newcomb one a good long
one from my daughter one from my
son one from the museum one
from Mr. Monjo two and one from
a good friend Mr Oresti artist
at the museum and one from our former Minister
^{the Reverend Francis Parker}
the Neptune will remain a couple
of days and make some repairs about
her engine it is said there is some
here or boxes on board for me
temp 8 am 51 + 8 pm 53 +

Wednesday August 1 1917

Cloudy weather with fresh breeze from West and North West
There has been no work since
to day in getting things on board
but the crew of the ship have been
at work on the boat and the
Engineer has had to make some
repairs about the engine.

To day three small boxes were
turned over to me which had been
sent by my wife, Daughter
and her wife. Contains Peanut
butter and jam and macaroni etc
There are got some bread from the
ship both hard bread and soft
bread and with the loaf of cake
which came with the good things
we made out quite a fine supper
temp 8 am 39 + 8 pm 34 +

Etah

Thursday August 2 1917
 Stormy weather most of the day
 snowing but this afternoon clearing
 the Power boat we took along side
 of the Neptune so that it can be
 taken on board There has been too
 much snow on the beach & level the
 boats and take off the material
 though the people come and go
 back and forth
 Temp 8 am 32 + 8 pm 33 +

Friday August 3
 Weather improving so that the boxes and
 unpacked articles were put on board the
 Neptune, towards night two boats went
 out to one of the outer Island where the
 wireless station had been seized and have
 returned with (perhaps) all the boxes which
 were out there

Arrangements are being made to stop
 some where down below here partly
 to leave a native Family which came
 up here when the boat came up from
 Nerky there is quite a little snow on
 the hills from this last storm

Primum that we shall get away to
 night but have not gone on board to stay
 though the others have to day

Saturday August 4 1917
came on board the vessel at one am
and ~~the~~ war got underway at 2:30
am the natives stayed till the vessel
started one family man woman and
small girl remained on board and
were landed 40 miles down the coast
at Nerkie and some lumber that
the vessel brought up was also put
a shore there we arrived there at
8:30 am and stayed about an hour
and a half there was some ice drifting
out there but there was nothing
to bother us before that and there
has been very little ice to be seen
all day we are well over on the
west side of the Sound some fog
and there has been a few times when
the vessel was slowed down on account
of it it is pleasant to think we
are on the way home with a good
vessel and a good crew Capt Badlett
(Robert) seems to be a splendid man
for a driver

the vessel men number all told
is 27 this includes Doctor Knolton
and a Mr Burbanker the latter is
a passenger
pleasant light air and calm

on Board the Neptune
 Sunday August 5th 1917
 we have found no much ice
 that the vessel has had to turn
 in all directions so that we are
 still near the Carey Island then
 the weather is thick most of the
 time and the vessel has to
 lay with the bow against the
 ice we are now working back
 to the Greenland side some
 where between the Carey Island
 and North Star Bay

wind strong from N E the
 latter part of the day
 the museum people sent up
 to me two suits of underwear
 two overshirts and 4 pair of socks
 so to day I could dress up in
 far better shape

Monday August 6th
 stormy weather strong N E winds
 and snow we are laying still in
 the ice the weather being thick
 there is very little water to be seen
 we came in to with in about 4 or
 5 miles of Cape Parry but have
 drifted (no doubt) up to the north and

Tuesday August 7 1914

The weather has been stormy snowing most of the time with the wind fresh from the South clearing up this afternoon and we are close to Halket and North Cumberland Island on the north side of the Passage way between them there are three plates (Iron) gone off the Bow and the vessel leaks considerable so much so that she could not be kept free by pumping by hand we are imbedded in the Ice (not heavy Ice) but on account of the thick weather it was not safe to try to go ahead

Wednesday August 8

Pleasant weather with the wind East and N.E. we were close in to Halket Island closed in by the Ice during the fore noon the Ice blocked up and we came back and tried to pass between Herbert and North Cumberland Islands but though we got most through the Ice stopped us and we are now laying still, the natives have just come off 8 pm the captain is keeping to work out back again, the compass and Ice is taking us the way we really wish to go

On board the Neptune

Thursday August 9 1914

we lay at anchor at Herbert Island till 9 o'clock this morning then the ice showed signs of opening up we started and came over to Cape Parry when we again met the ice packed close again we have remained still the ice looks as though it was opening up the wind being light from the N.E. some rain one seal and an oryx (ground seal) taken today the natives at Herbert Island men and women were coming and going all night trading with the vessel

Friday August 10

we lay still at Cape Parry during the night and forenoon then the ice becoming more slack we started and worked south at times the ice being quite thick then after noon we have come to a stop about 10 miles south of Conical Rock at 10 pm light air and calmer

Saturday August 11 1917

we are in the same place that we were in last night though we went back to a little Cape Ekpuk and stayed from 3 am ^{till} about noon fresh water was got and all the tanks were filled up then the berg clearing up we returned but the ice remains unchanged it looks as though there was much water at Cape York which is in sight clear weather this afternoon light winds variable and calm

Sunday August 12

we lay still in the ice till noon & day then started and worked through ice which improved as we came along the shore of Cape York then the weather became foggy with rain with a strong breeze from S.E. after passing Cape York we came to large pans and fields of ice and the fog being thick we have tied up to the ice at 6 pm

on board the Neptune

Monday August 13 1914
 we lay tied up to the ice
 last night moved once in closer
 to the Cape York there was some
 fog which cleared up this am
 we were about 5 miles off from
 the Cape about 10 am some natives
 came off to us 8 Eskimo
 they stayed till noon when we
 got started and after coming
 through about 20 miles of ice
 some of which was quite tight
 we got in to quite clear water
 and are steering a course for
 Disko wind moderate from East
 partly cloudy though that we saw
 the ship Danmark but it later
 proved to be ice looming up
 Doctor Krallens Birth day

Tuesday August 14
 we had some clear water and
 some ice to work through last night
 and this forenoon then came to open
 water and have held on our course
 though there has been a large field of
 ice to the west of us about all the
 afternoon no land in sight the weather
 being cloudy and at times fog
 it looks now as though we are through with the
 ice

Wednesday August 15 1917

Dull weather winds moderate to fresh. S.W. to S.E. we are passing Hore Island at 6 pm and it is now from here about 60 miles to Desko Harbor Godhaven

The weather was quite clear a short time this afternoon after was rather hazy with fog and some rain at night misty with light rain expect to stop at Godhaven (Goodharber)

it is reported that an Mr. Ekblaw is there (for what reason is not known) as he started out with Doctor Heent last winter

The Captain Birth Day

Thursday August 16

had strong winds from S.E. during the night some rain we got in to the Harbor at 7 am Godhaven the Governor and Doctor came off and also a number of men (natives)

the latter to travel. Every evening and foot wear Mr Ekblaw is reported to be here has been here a month

in the evening Mr Passill invited all the after guard to this house I did not go but all had a good time

on board the Neptune

Friday August 19 1914

The weather cleared up during the night This morning I went ashore

and visited the People (Danish)

there has been some change since I was here two years ago in the People but they were fine people then and the ones here now are also a fine class of people

there are many natives here but no full blooded Eskimo in truth there is nothing about them to show that they are part Eskimo though they talk the language

we have had a very pleasant call there and got underway at 1.30 pm pleasant weather wind moderate westerly in the hope of stopping the leak at the bow a large piece of canvas has been lowered down over the stern and as the wind goes through the water it is hoped that it will prevent the pressure around the leak and relieve the pumps from overwork we are making 8 knots an hour light air and calm have loaded much of the kerosene and some other stores at Disko though we are 40 miles from the island at 8 pm it is still in sight

Mr. Navcom and one from my wife written in February
there were two letters here for me from home

Saturday August 18 - 1917

home fog but generally pleasant
from yesterday 2 pm till two
pm today we made 190 miles

I was up in the room of the wireless
operator this evening and he made
an effort to reach the Bell Island
station he thinks he may have
done so ~~should~~ that he ~~the~~ call
our people will hear that we are
on the way home with all material
and remaining members of the
expedition we are down now
where we have sunrise and sunset

Sunday August 19

Dull weather with the wind S &
sea a little rough home fog and
rain at 8 pm we are 385 miles
from Disko from 2 pm yesterday
till 2 pm today have made 175
miles Mr Burroughs (Passenge

and guest of Capt Bartlett) is quite
sick also Mr MacMillan and Mr
Ekblow we have some sail
on the vessel jib fore staysail
and mizzen these sails are set to
help steady the vessel
no ice at Dege (one seen but small)

Monday August 20 1917
 Fog and rain with moderate S E
 wind clearing the night and this
 forenoon after clearing up
 the latitude at noon was $61^{\circ}08'$
 sea improving but a little motion
 still we are some ways off
 the latitude coast but are
 keeping along the same direction
 making about 8 knots have passed
 some floating wood and saw
 one Ice Berg from 2 pm yesterday
 till 2 pm today made 128 miles

Tuesday August 21
 Fog and rain clearing the night
 and to day clearing at night and
 the wind has hauled from the
 S.E. & west from the Bridge the
 land can be seen there are two
 Ice Berge in sight to the west of us
 saw one this morning but I am
 a little surprised that we have not
 seen more lat at noon D R $58^{\circ}01'$
 Distance run since 4 pm yesterday
 till 4 pm today 170 miles

Wednesday August 22 1917

Very pleasant during the night and day the wind has been S.W. moderate made out the land at daylight and came in to a place known as Turnivik at 10 30 am Capt Bartlett has a brother here fishing he has a station here this vessel brought him here on her way north to take us he came off for a short time and brought some late papers we have come 815 miles from Derko to this place after Captain Bartlett's brother went ashore we continued on our way there has been some message sent on to notify the people at home that we were on the way so this vessel is fitted out with a wireless outfit and an operator it is said to cost 13 ~~cents~~ a word by wireless and that only goes half way then by Telegraph 13 cents additional making 26 cents a word to reach New York

The crew of the Neptune consists of

Capt	Robert Bartlett	
Mate	W. H. Falk	
2nd Mate	Fred Newberry	
Boatman	John Murphy	
Seaman	Geo Barrett	
"	Geo Clark	Checker land Party
"	William Peddall	D. B. MacMullan
"	Geo Sybell	W. C. Ekblaw
"	Tom Constantine	J. C. Small
"	Robert Knowland	and myself
"	John Butt	
Engineer	William Cranman	
"	Robert Cranman	
3 " "	John Cavenier	
Oilier	James Baker	
"	Michel Murphy	
Fireman	Herge Welch	
"	Alexander Kersey	
"	James Murphy	
"	John Greenland	
"	Richard Roach	
Cook	Owen Martin	
Steward	Frank Barron	
Osier Boy	Harry Dodel	
Wireless man	Harland	
Doctor	J. G. Knälden	
Passenger	Robert Burbank	

Thursday August 23 1917

Pleasant weather during the night and
to day we reach the straits of
Belle Isle at 5 pm messagers have
been sent to the museum and also
to St John it is said that the
steamer for New York sailed for
New York from St John to day
so it was better for us to go
to Sydney as there is only one
steamer on that line now one
having been wrecked by the German
we are now in the straits of Belle Isle
there is a light low fog
since 5 pm yesterday to 5 pm to
day we made 185 miles
light southerly winds saw the
steamer Thetis and several fishing
schooner bound South

on board the Neptune

Friday August 24 1917
 we had much fog during the
 night and the vessel was run under
 half speed so that the run the
 last 24 hours has only been 135 miles
 we passed Point Barrow at 5:30
 am could hear the foghorn
 later could hear the Horn in Greenland
 Island but have not seen the
 land & day we are somewhere
 near the Bay of Islands ^{N.E.} light south
 wind some fog at times but not
 wholly clear at any time
 when we left 4 dogs were
 taken along one hurt & he killed
 & day

Saturday August 25
 Fog much of the time we
 passed Cape St George close to
 at 9 am then on to Cape Angvik
 at 1:30 are now heading for
 Sydney there is a fresh breeze
 from south with some fog

On Board the Neptune
in Sydney Harbor (North Sydney) 317
Sunday August 26 1917
Last night had a good run
across to Sydney where we arrived
at 8.15 am the Harbor is closed
night times and during the day times
only can a vessel enter when the
gate way is open the Pilot James
P Young came on board and
told the gates were of our
People have gone ashore to day
and are staying ashore to night
there was a large amount of
mail put on this vessel for us
when she left here but was
not looked and not given to us
till to night there were 5
letters for me some of them two
years old some one and one written
this last year I sent a Telegram
to my wife
I expect to leave here tomorrow
night for Home

Took train from Sydney at 9.0
pm came through to St John N.B.
and thence to Bangor and on to
Boston and arrived Home station about 5 pm
wednesday, met Dr Heent's Father and
in Bangor at midnight and Dr Heent and wife

in Boston Mr. Ekblaw and our Mr
 Burbank ^{the latter} who was passenger on the Neptune
 came through as far as Boston the first
 went on to New York while the latter went
 on to Springfield his home being near there
 in Pittsfield

our Doctor Haney reached New York
 the day before we reached Sydney

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

The names of the natives who went with
Doctor Cook on his trip were

Etoah er shoo, and Asp he lar,
those that went with Peary
were Outah, Egin war, Sig loo,
and Ouguear,

weight of seismograph boxes

no 1 130

no 2 180

no 3 110

no 4 165

no 5 70

no 6 220

packed up July 12 1914

Wee wees child born 17 March 1916



Chromometer ^m 4, 6 ¹⁵ fast April 20 1917

